

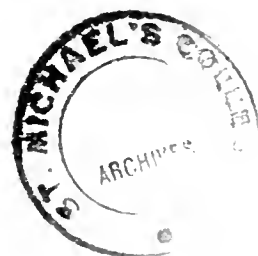
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Francis E. Monaghan
January 23, 1962

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St. Anne's Church
2140 Westheimer
Houston 6, Texas

January 23, 1962.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your note and the good news about the University of Toronto's new Music Faculty Building. Once I finally got out of there, the Music Faculty really started going places. Last summer I did get a glance of the structure but it was nowhere near being finished and so your note and writeup make me quite current on the whole situation.

I delivered all your messages to Father Wey. We hardly knew he was here. His quiet, gentle manner is so different than some of the other Superior Generals I have known. Is it that I am growing old and no longer live in fear and trembling? The answer is No. I attribute it all to the kindness and gentlemanly manner of Father Wey. After all, can't you think of a few still around who could put the "Fear of the Lord" in any with whom they came in contact.

We are expecting the Vocational Director on the 27th. He will be down for a few days. Wilfred J. Murphy has been in Florida for a few weeks to get over a

Francis E. Monaghan
January 23, 1962

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bad cold. We have all had good health but lately those "Northerners" from CANADA are spoiling our land of sunshine and flowers. Temperature today is a gentle "33" and that's cold here. Come see us when you can — no one would be more welcome.

Prayers and best wishes in 1962.

F.E. Monaghan, C.S.B.

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Francis E. Monaghan
1962

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St. Anne's Church
2140 Westheimer
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks very much for your sending me the clipping about the Royal Conservatory coming into some money. Perhaps now they will have an opportunity to furnish better Faculty and facilities for the future musicians of Canada. It hurt me to say it but I think Eastman School of Music in Rochester is stealing students from the Royal. I talked to Geo. Vander Zanden at Father Burbott's funeral and he told me that he thought the Eastman School now surpassed Toronto.

I have had two recent communiqués from Father Leonard Rush. I judged he wanted a little trip South and invited him to hurry on down. We have two bedrooms down stairs and though Father Lyons has one, Father Rush could use the other. Father Lyons is still recuperating but seems to feel fine and is gradually getting back into the jet stream.

Our Basilian Seminarians at the University of St. Thomas are a great crowd. I gave three talks on church music down town for the Serra Club. They served as my choir and I was real proud of all of them and they received all kinds of

Francis E. Monaghan
1962

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compliments on their work. We expect the Archbishop of Winnipeg for Graduation so that will give me a further opportunity to keep them in trim with an "Ecce Sacerdos".

We are in the midst of the Stock Show and I tell you its a mess. What a shame that a city that really never had too much ranch life within its borders now must give way to two weeks of boots, saddles, etc.

We are all busy here and still have hopes of some young blood. You are no doubt in the midst of appointments. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers. By the way I heard we were so short on man power. How did you ever manage to scrape up two for Alberta? Oh boy you are tricky.

I must run to play the organ for a noon wedding but I had to drop you this line to clarify the fact that probably Father Rush would be happier here in the South (With Father Monaghan) than at 95 St. Joseph Street.

Best regards to you and the Council. You know we are praying for the best to be done by all.

Sincerely,

F.E. Monaghan, CSB

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Francis E. Monaghan
September 1962

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St. Anne's Church
2140 Westheimer
Houston 6, Texas

Thursday.

Dear Father Scollard,

Enclosed please find the information for the Annals. I tried to fill in all the changes. You will note there is no replacement for Father McGee at the T.B. Hospital. We are really short here with the loss of Father Heyck and Father McGee. I know the whole Community is short and this is not a complaint but a statement of fact. We have every hope that Father Wey can see his way clear to send us help. After all in the High School and College you can hire a lay person when there is a shortage but that does not work in a parish. See what you can do because if you look at our staff numbers are great — However...

There is little news here. The weather is gradually getting a little cooler but doing so awfully slowly.

Father Max Murphy is spending a few days with us and we are enjoying his company and hearing his tales of the wilds of Mexico.

The University of St. Thomas is thriving. I really think the enrollment is up there though there is no official figure released.

Francis E. Monaghan
September 1962

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Our poor Bishop is seriously ill. He has had major surgery six times in the last four months. Presently he is recuperating from a five hour operation for a detached retina. The surgeon came down from Boston. The Bishop was blind totally for about four days. The surgeon is optimistic about recovery of possibly the sight of one eye. Bishop had planned to go to Rome and then tour Germany but it is all up in the air now and he just has to "wait and try to see".

My best regards and prayers for you and all the Fathers,

As ever,

F.E. Monaghan, C.S.B.

P.S. I do intend to send the Sermon from Father Burbott's Funeral. Unfortunately as you can see I have no secretary and I must type the sermon over into a "good" copy. I have not forgotten your request.

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John D. Sheehy
February 5, 1962

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas

February 5, 1962.

Dear Bob:

Back a few weeks ago we had a week of below freezing weather. At the time in company with all other Texans, native born and naturalized, I thought that surely was a definite sign of the end of the world. In preparing for Gabriel's dulcet blast of his horn I started going through my belongings and ran into the enclosed gem. It will be twenty years old in a few weeks and so I took another look at it.

Twenty years ago I was indulging in an expensive hobby at Catholic Central in Detroit. The hobby was a tri-weekly Bulletin either duplicating or imitating the Notre Dame Religious Bulletin. All this with the permission of Frank Gartland, C.S.C., who at the time was Prefect of Religion at Notre Dame.

Since some of the Fathers at C.C. used to comment on the Bulletin at the start of the day, we decided to use a few issues on the subject of "Vocations". The first period at C.C. at that time was a Religion period and each student had a copy of the Bulletin on his desk at the start of the day.

John D. Sheehy
February 5, 1962

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Since Father Daniel Dillon was the Founder of Catholic Central we thought his words might carry weight and so we asked him to write for the Bulletin. The enclosed is the result.

And now I am passing it on to you in case you think it has some value in the Archives. It at least shows that Father Dillon had influence at C.C. some thirteen years after he founded the school. If you decide it has no value, the circular file is beside your desk.

In closing, I crave a boon, if you have the time. Some day would you phone the Royal Ontario Museum and see if they sell Kodachrome slides of objects in their permanent collection. My present hobby is collecting slides of sculpture. In most cases I can get my own by my own camera; but sometimes I have to purchase. If their answer is affirmative, I would appreciate their mailing address and I will contact them.

Since this is the Chinese New Year of the Tiger, Happy New Year!

Fraternally!

John D. Sheehy

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Claude G. Arnold
February 27, 1962

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Saint Mary's Chapel
331 Thompson Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Feb. 27, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

Leo Sands tells me that he sent you his address a few days ago, but forgot to include the telephone number. It is NOrmandy 8-7863. <113 North Ingalls St. Ann Arbor — just in case>

The only Basilian documents to reach us so far are the notes on the projected division into provinces; all of which is quite exciting.

I suppose this comment should go to Ed Brennan, but both Leo and I have wondered about the need for Basilian vocation literature, especially for use in places like the University of Michigan. The vocation problem here is slightly disturbing: normally half-a-dozen are produced each year, but almost all of them are to the secular clergy (understandably enough since Fathers John Bradley and John Fauser are fine priests) or to contemplative orders. One would think that the "research centre of the Middle West" — to quote the sign board on the outskirts of Ann Arbor — ought to produce some vocations at least to priestly

Claude G. Arnold
February 27, 1962

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and/or religious life dedicated to sanctification through research or teaching. (Within the last three years there has been one Dominican vocation; nothing else). As it is, the situation bears the character of a retreat from the intellectual life. Maybe the kind of intellectual life cultivated at U of M ought to be retreated from, in some cases — but one wonders if some effective publicizing of an alternative might not produce desirable results. The Newman Club seems the ideal agency through which to work — better than the graduate student in the classroom, in fact. I have yet to meet an unmarried male Catholic graduate student in the English department.

With all the constitutional reorganization going on, I wonder if an explicit mention needs to be made of how announcements of deaths in the families of graduate students are to be made. The communities in Windsor and Toronto heard of my mother's death a year ago, apparently by word of mouth; but no written notices were sent out, and I still hear from confreres, periodically, who are surprised to learn of her passing. The current Annals does nothing to correct the oversight. This is a small point, but the graduate student community will be increasing in size in the future, and in the study that will certainly be devoted to clarifying their status within the Community, it should not be overlooked.

Claude G. Arnold
February 27, 1962

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If all goes well — a request for prayers seems in order here — the work I have been doing since last May (outside of unfortunately, and not within the Seminar framework of the last two terms' studies) should issue in a viable, and already decently-researched thesis topic within the next two or three weeks. Announcements of the blessed event will be dispatched as soon as the Doctors determine that this, unlike some previous attempts, is not a still-birth.

Yours in Christ,

Claude Arnold, C.S.B.

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Claude G. Arnold
June 2, 1963

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University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sunday, June 2 '63

Dear Father Scollard,

This has been a very good examination, which I thoroughly enjoyed writing. The assigned books are each in their own way classics, and it is good to have some special stimulus to read them. I even liked my answer to the first two questions so much that I delayed mailing the paper till I had made copies. They really aren't that good — nobody but the parent would have enough affection for them to want them preserved, but they might be useful elsewhere, sometime.

I am finishing the chapter on Neoplatonism; that leaves two chapters to go, four chapters to rewrite or simplify, and the text to collate (no problem, I hope, since all the surviving copies seem to be examples from only one printing). Maybe I can start being a Basilian again. My director said, "If you want to work, I'll get you through by the end of the summer". So 'I'd better work.

Your periodic additions to the Newsletter are very welcome.

Yours ever in Our Lord

Claude Arnold, C.S.B.

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Claude G. Arnold
October 2, 1963

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St. Mary's Chapel
331 Thompson Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Oct. 2 '63

Dear Father Scollard,

Bob Howell's address is the same as mine — he will be replacing me at the Newman Club as soon as I can end my self-imposed exile. In the meantime he has moved into the guest-room, and Monsignor Bradley is secretly preening himself over having four assistants (one assigned, and three students, two of them Basilians).

Our phone number is 663-0557. The ZIP Code Number is 48104.

Bob is well along in his courses and is enjoying them — except for one in fluid mechanics given by a man who is simply disorganized. I'm glad that English departments aren't the only places where such things happen.

Father John Murph suggested that I finish with all deliberate speed (it's taken the South almost ten years to desegregate) now you mention 'the duration of my stay' (the Second World War, which 'duration' conjures up, lasted six years). And today is October 2nd, with one chapter half-written, and two others to be rewritten... Grim thoughts arise.

Claude G. Arnold
October 2, 1963

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Work is actually coming along quite well. My Committee has so far been very helpful (Austin Warren is reading the six completed chapters now), and the greatest difficulty to date is the length of the thesis. It won't approach the magnificence of Father Walter Principe's, but it will run to two volumes, one of which will be taken up mostly with the edited text. If Henry Reynold's Mythoneystes had some intrinsic importance, there might be some excuse...

I hope Jim Howard is able to get properly settled. Monsignor Bradley says that most of the priests he met in England were anxious to get a book published more than to be a pastor — Maybe Jim's pastor needs time to work on his Magnum Opus.

Yours in Our Lord,

Claude Arnold, CSB

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A. Robert Howell
April 11, 1962

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Assumption University of Windsor
400 Huron Line
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

April 11/62

Dear Father,

I am in need of a marrying licence. Jim Daley tells me I will need some sort of certification of ordination from you — in duplicate I believe. I would be much obliged if you would send these along as soon as possible Father. Thanks very much.

Great stir around here just now. Father LeBel told us about the Holy Names Sisters pulling out this year among other things. There seems to be some question as to where the money is coming from if we are to buy the residence. The details are to appear in the paper this weekend I understand.

We are enjoying beautiful weather here in the Sun Parlor.

Sincerely in Christ

Bob. Howell

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Thomas J. Stokes
July 9, 1962

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St. Thomas More College
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Mon., July 9, 1962.

Dear Father,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the Mass which you offered for my intentions on June 29th. The spiritual gift which my mother devised and arranged for could not have been more beautiful or suitable. You may be interested to know that she added immensely to the occasion by flying out here for a visit over that weekend. Both gift and visit took me completely by surprise, and I couldn't have enjoyed the occasion more than I did.

Thank you again, Father, and may God bless you in your work.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Tom Stokes.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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general archives of the Basilian
Fathers, Toronto)

Joseph A. Trovato
June 20, 1962

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St. John Fisher College
June 20, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

Father Wey tells me that Vince Thompson will be in Florence for the summer. I expect to spend at least a few days in Florence after the six week seminar in Rome. Would you be able to send me his address. I will be at: Casa Internazionale dello Studente, Viale Ministero degli Esteri 6, Rome.

I'll arrive there about the third of July and will be there for about six weeks. Please send the address to Rome. I leave tomorrow.

I hope all is going well, and that you will have a pleasant summer without too much work.

Sincerely in Christ,

Joe Trovato.

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse
August 1962

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Strawberry Island
Orillia, Ont.

Dear Father Scollard -

I have just about completed the history of Strawberry Island and I need a little help. If you are planning a Newsletter in the near future, could you ask the confreres for answers to these two questions:

1. What was the title (if any) of the ~~first~~ chapel built on the Island?
2. Where did the statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph come from?
They were stored in the room above the kitchen in the 20's.

Also I would like you to read on the spot (i.e. Strawberry Island) the material that I have prepared. This week would be an ideal time.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours very sincerely

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.

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William Joseph Brown
June 12, 1962

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Basilian Fathers
402 Augustine Street
Rochester 13, N.Y.

June 12, 1962

Dear Father,

Greetings from the Flower City. While making my preparations for Cleveland I realized that I will need a Celebret. Would you obtain one for me and forward it to Rev. John Kilcoyne, Newman House, 2099 Abington Road, Cleveland 6, Ohio. Many thanks.

We finished teaching today. I must admit that I went through today with mixed emotions. It was a grand year, I enjoyed it — but now I must be off to Western Reserve University Library School. I think I will be taking Administration and Reference.

I'm still finding 'surprises' on the appointment list. However, Harry Gardner's was the biggest of the season. I hope to make my retreat in Toronto and perhaps I'll see you then. Till then, thanks again.

In Christ,

Bill Brown.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

William Joseph Brown
July 19, 1962

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Thursday

Dear Father,

Many thanks for forwarding to me the latest Newsletter. And while I am offering thanks I'll include your thoughtful note and the prompt sending of my celebret.

I was really surprised about Father Burbott. I knew him from teaching in the South at St. Thomas High School, and, well never expect this. But the Lord has his ways.

This summer has been quite interesting and busy. I am taking General Reference and Administration. Both courses have kept me quite busy. However I have enjoyed them and I hope I will do well.

I had a talk with my faculty adviser this week. If I continue to work summers it will be 1966 before I can finish. That sure seems like a long way off. During the next three summers I will be taking required courses and the summer of '66 I can choose electives. It will mean only two courses a summer. Miss Kattenback wouldn't recommend taking any more since they are heavy ones.

I wasn't sure in which direction I should be working, and I honestly don't know. So I chose college librarianship. That seemed to me a good choice since I could work either way — up or down.



William Joseph Brown
July 19, 1962

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I won't be doing much library work next year, except, perhaps, the priests' library. As a matter of fact about all I did last year was the priests' library. I was in the high school library last year but did all but nothing - if nothing. Next year I am going to teach full time. And I'll be honest, I asked to teach. Most likely I have made a mistake but I thought it might be the best solution for an unfortunate situation. But I still want to continue in library work. I'm still interested.

I would really be interested in your views on this. If you don't get a chance to write, perhaps we can get together in Toronto.

While I am in Toronto I would like to plead my case for a year off to finish up. I'm not just sure to whom I plead but I'm going to try. Some of the staff have suggested it and I certainly would like it. It is some job absorbing this material during the summer. In the reference course alone we have examined and studied over 200 books. We had a short assignment for each one! Time would sure help to get to know them better. Next summer I have another reference course coming up.

So, Father, such is the state of things and Western Reserve University Library School in particular. I probably sound

William Joseph Brown
July 19, 1962

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sketchy and disconnected so I'll fill in the details if we meet this summer.

Harry Gardner sure has a job for himself, doesn't he? I can see him now — busy as all get out. I think he will like it there. I hope so, anyway.

Well I think I will do some work on a paper. It's due next week so I'd better finish it off. I'll have to destroy it when I get it back: it's on the Aquinas Library. Things are tough enough without having it in print.

Keep me in your prayers. Thanks again.

Bill Brown.

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William Joseph Brown
September 1962

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Basilian Fathers
402 Augustine Street
Rochester 13, N.Y.

Dear Father,

My apologies for the delay. I entrusted part of the task to "administration" and then received delayed action. Of course I have to take my share of the blame!

So far I haven't done too much with the priests' library. All my efforts have been directed towards fixing it up after the summer. And on reading for book selection, I have fallen behind. But I will put on a drive and make a few suggestions in the not too distant future.

I haven't heard from Harry Gardner, other than a note requesting Sears, but I trust he is doing well. I hope so anyway. It's a change and is hard for him, that we both understand. With time I'm sure he'll have the Library at his finger tips.

All is well in Rochester. Father Fergus Sheehy, from all reports, is progressing and Father Biondi is taking good care of us. Take care of yourself and say an extra one for me.

In Christ,

Bill Brown

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William Joseph Brown
June 5, 1963

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Basilian Fathers
402 Augustine Street
Rochester 13, N.Y.
June 5, 1963.

Dear Father,

I am making my arrangements for summer school and once again I must request a celebret. Would you send it to Rev. John Kilcoyne, Newman Hall, 2099 Abington Road, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

School begins the 17th of June and I will be taking two courses — Special Reference and Book Selection. Another summer with Constance Winchell—good grief! It sure would be dreary if I didn't enjoy it as much as I do.

Three more teaching days and another years comes to an end. It has been long but most enjoyable.

Keep me in your prayers as I do you in mine.

Sincerely,

Bill Brown.

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Thomas P. Dugan
August 8, 1962

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and Missions
506 So. East Ave.
Wharton, Texas

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for your note, and the card from Rome. I appreciate having the faculties and have put them to use already.

Here in Wharton we are enjoying ninety degree plus temperatures, and keeping busy teaching summer school. Father Girard, Joe Leddy and four ladies and I teach some 130+ children in Newgulf every morning.

Father Batty told the truth when he said the scholastics are doing a fine job on the Missions. Leo Reilly, Tom Castleton, Joe Leddy and Murray Wilbur were here; (only Joe is still here) they will need a rest when they get back North again. I only wish they could stay and teach all year long. It is a slow process getting and holding good Catechists. It seems to me that without a good C.C.D. program much of our work will be ineffective. Father Adam and I are trying to establish the C.C.D. here.

Our weather has been good for the cotton, corn and rice crops — in other words, good for the Mexicans whose work consists for a large part in harvesting these crops. The neighborhood around the Church is very quiet these days — almost every boy and girl is in the cotton fields.

Thomas P. Dugan
August 8, 1962

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At present I have Frank Launtrie's work, Eagle Lake and Boling. Felix Collins, with the help of local men, has put up a catechetical center in Boling (30' x 70') which is used for Mass on Sundays and Wednesdays. There are about 75 Catholic families in that area. So far I have not seen too many (maybe 10 in all) converts. It seems that the "Catholics" take all of our time.

God bless you for all you have done for me. Prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Tom Dugan, C.S.B.

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James W. Embser
September 9, 1962

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Catholic Central High School
6565 West Outer Drive
Detroit 35, Michigan

9/9/62

Dear Bob,

On the first Sunday of October I am giving a talk on the Basilian Fathers at the gathering of Basilian parents. They have suggested the topic which I shall likely twist to enable me to say what I wish to say. However, should you have some statistics available without too much work, I wonder would you send them to me.

The number of Basilians in 1923:
The number of Institutions in 1923:
An approximation of the number of students taught by Basilians then:

Also, the numbers today. This I can get from the Annals but if you have it available, would you include it. I would not have to trouble you if there had been a Father Scollard in 1923.

Bishop Fulton Sheen will speak this evening Detroit.

I shall go for a 12 and 1:00 Mass to St. Linus. Let us thank God for Pope Pius XII and his adaptation of laws to the present day needs.

James W. Embser
September 9, 1962

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Continue to work hard. God bless you
always.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

James W. Embser.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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James W. Embser
October 31, 1963

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Dear Bob,

Thanks so much for your note and Father Flahiff's letter from the Council.

The quarterly examinations are scheduled for these days, so I went through tons of written materials which I have saved through the years and I have failed to find the sermon which Father Henry Carr preached on the occasion of Father James Whelan's funeral. I shall not give up the search although the last hour and a half has failed to produce results. I do not throw anything away, hence I have hope of finding it, but I do not know where to start looking now. All the places where it ought to be have been gone through but do not give up hope.

There was a bad accident at the corner an hour ago. I watched from my window. The Fall has been unseasonal and has made teaching difficult. It has been eighty degrees nearly every day. I shall await the regular distribution of the Annals this year. I used to get special service through Dan Burns. Although I do not know where to look I shall not give up.

Sincerely,

J. Embser

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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Bernard M. Regan
September 17, 1962

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Andrean High School
5959 Broadway
Gary, Indiana
September 17, 1962.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter. On your request for news of Andrean High School I had to have some help from John Burke. I did what I could and then turned the document over to him. He has the numbers of students in the various grades. He will type all the information and forward it to you. Am sure you will have it in a few dyas.

School is going along very well. The weather was cooler today and my students did a better job at their Grade 10 Latin. They don't care for it when the temperature is 90 degrees.

Everyone is well and the scholastics appear to be doing good work. I am going to get around this week and do some observation. Regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard M. Regan, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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in the general archives of the Basilian
Fathers, Toronto)

A. Leland Higgins
June 4, 1962

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402 Augustine Street
Rochester 13, New York
June 4, 1962

Dear Bob

I appreciate receiving a copy of the Newsletter, but most of all I appreciate your sending me a list of the appointments. Thank you, and God bless you! The list was on my desk waiting for me when I got in last night from Yonkers, N.Y.

Believe me I am relieved to be on full time Mission Procurator. My teaching really suffered this year. I'm sure that no one but Vincent Fullerton knows how much work there is to the Procurator's job (no wonder he cracked up. I almost did too about three times this year). Every day I write an average of three or four letters, sometimes many more. Today I must write 16, but that is because I was in Ottawa for a couple of days preaching a Retreat last week.

I thought the appointments were wonderful. There were a few moves that I knew should be made and everyone was. Keep up the good work, but lay off those statistics. God bless you and praye for me.

Sincerely in Christ,
Lee

(Letter from Father Lee Higgins to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Robert T. O'Halloran
September 26, 1962

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Andrean High School
5959 Broadway
Gary, Indiana
September 26, 1962.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the return of the notes. They arrived in perfect time. I began a new series last night at St. Luke's and the notes come on Monday.

The new group had seventeen there last night which is the largest first night group I've had. If a few more come next week it should prove to be an interesting group.

We were all sorry to hear about Father Fergus Sheehy. It came as a shock to some but since we have heard nothing we are following the old adage about no news being good news.

School is now in full swing. Our total enrollment is nearly 1500. Although the school was built to hold 1600 it will be interesting to see if we will be able to handle that number. The problem comes with the labs since they hold only 36. This necessitates using them seven periods each day which means they cannot be used as homerooms. This year we are using four classrooms as homerooms for different groups but at different

Robert T. O'Halloran
September 26, 1962

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periods. It makes it hard on the office since we have to number them 223J and 223Sr, etc. However, once the lists are made out for the first quarter exams things should fall into place (I hope).

Was glad to hear about the Christmas Conference. We had heard via the grape vine that there was a chance that they may be dropped altogether.

Our Bishop leaves today for Rome. He was here last week and said Mass for the students. He gave them a good talk which I hope some take seriously. He stressed again his ideas about driving to school. As you may know we are sticking to our guns and so far there is not even one student who has permission to drive to school apart from a special case that may come up from time to time. I would imagine that we are the only Basilian school where students may not drive to school.

Thanks again for the returned notes.
Regards to all,

In XP

Bob O'Halloran.

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Robert J. Fink
September 21, 1962

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St. Michael's College
Sept. 21

Dear Father,

Thanks for your note and the Newsletter.
My phone number is Butterfield 8- (that
should cause some comments, too) BUTTER-
field 8-2311, area code 312.

All goes well except that the best man
in the dep't and the one I want to direct
my thesis has got a year off to study
in Paris!

Yours sincerely

Bob Fink

P.S: Received check from John Guaghan
this morning. Thanks. "When
you're in Chicago be sure to say
CALVERT CLUB".

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
Transcribed from the original, de-
posited in the general archives of
the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Robert J. Fink
November 24, 1962

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Calvert House
5735 University Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois
Nov. 24, 1962

Dear Father.

Thanks for your little notes that come with the Newsletters, they are much appreciated. I did get to Gary for Nov. 21st. They were finishing Forty Hours that day and had some of the local pastors in for dinner as well. Father Jack Lee got some passes for a Chicago-Toronto hockey game Thanksgiving evening, so I saw a game and got a ride back to Chicago as well. Father Ed. Brennan was expected there for Thanksgiving but didn't appear.

I haven't got my Annals yet, but they gave me my number over in Gary!

The work here is really taxing. There is just no time for naything else, including Sunday work. I needed the Thanksgiving break.

Best regards and promise of prayers for the other members of the house.

In Christ

Bob Fink

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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Robert J. Fink
June 2, 1963

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Calvert House
5735 University Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois
Sunday, June 2

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks very much for your personal notes which I appreciate. I have the feeling I'm getting way behind the times.

Work is going along ok, I guess. Right now we're going through the end-of-the-quarter crisis, but this is becoming routine. I have course exams tomorrow and Tuesday and a major paper to write by the end of the week — just handed in another yesterday.

After making the Gary retreat, I'll be coming right back for the summer quarter which finishes towards the end of August.

Regards to the confreres.

In Christ,

Bob Fink.

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Robert J. Fink
1963

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Calvert House
5735 University Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Father Scollard,

I send this communiqué to you since I just heard that Father Fischette was taken ill and I'm afraid it might languish unopened for an indefinite time. This is my report for Spring quarter and request for money for the summer.

Please offer my sympathy to Father Fischette and wishes for a full and quick recovery.

I would like to take this opportunity also to thank you for the personal notes; they are much appreciated.

During the retreat at Gary, I realized that I really get behind in community news. It was a thoroughly enjoyable retreat, by the way, If I may use that term. Father John Burke is most hospitable and generous.

Yours in Christ

Bob Fink

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Viator I. McIntyre
September 27, 1962

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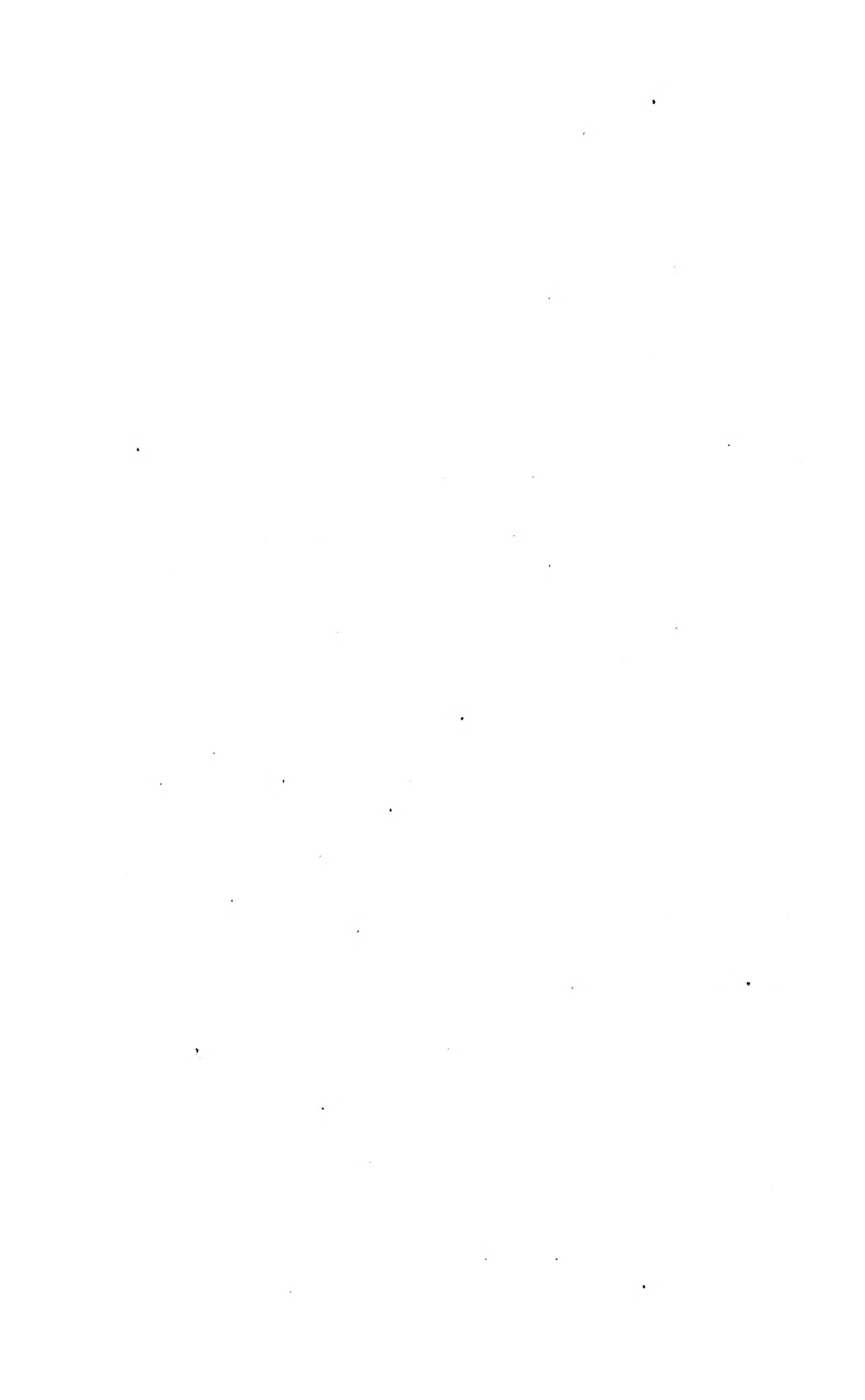
Blessed Sacrament Church
3726 King Street
Windsor, Ontario
September 27th, 1962

Dear Bob:

Received your jolly letter of September 23rd, and your enclosed questionnaire. Take it from me, Bob, some of the items in your questionnaire are damned vague, to say the least. Fr'instance, when you state: "No. of Elementary Schools in the Parish" — do you mean Separate Schools, or Public Schools, or what? But anyhow, I have done my best to try and figure out just what information you are looking for. If I have not given you the desired information, you may call me in Windsor, at CL.4-9577, and reverse the charges.

Very sorry to hear of Sheeh's distress, and I hope it is nothing serious. If my memory serves me right, Ferg had the threat of a heart attack a few years ago. However, he has always been quite concerned about his physical well-being, and unlike his uncle, Sham O'Brien, I am sure that Ferg will take every precaution to prolong his life.

It was music to my ears to know that Father Hubert Coughlin is assisting Bishop Cody and my friend Father Roney, to plan our \$2,500,000 Junior Seminary in London. It thrills me too, to know



Viator I. McIntyre
September 27, 1962

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that Jim Magee is inspecting High School classes. I need not tell you that Magee, born and raised in Texas, spent his whole life in American High Schools, and doesn't know damn-all about our Canadian High Schools. I hope that you extended my congratulations to Jack Warren on his recent promotion. I haven't seen the rascal in over a year. I understand from your latest Newsletter that Jack Miller is really getting up there. I had a brief from Joe Wey the other day informing me that he would be the Official Visitor this year. I have no red carpet — could you advise me where I could purchase one for cheap?

We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary on October 19th. Could you tell me when Father Harvey Wilbur was made Pastor of this Church? Natives have it that he was Pastor in 1937, but any records that I can find indicate that he was the least of the Assistants at Assumption Parish, and was really not made Pastor until about 1946, a year before he died.

That's all for now. Carry on — Be brave.

Faternally yours,

VI.

(Letter from Father Viator McIntyre to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

Viator I. McIntyre
September 26th, 1963

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Blessed Sacrament Church
Prince Road & King Street
Windsor, Ontario
September 26th, 1963

Dear Bob:

Appreciate yours of the 23rd very much. I have had some trouble trying to get a direct answer from Bernie O'Donnell regarding his degree from the University of Belledune.

Sorry you could not come this way for the opening of the new house. Father Huber Coughlin and Father Wey had given me the impression that they might be on hand, but I presume that they had more important things to attend to. A goodly number of local confreres and seculars attended our Open House. All seemed quite pleased with my efforts.

I hope that the answers to your questionnaire are satisfactory. With friends still dropping in to see through the new house I am behind schedule with my office work.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Vi.

(Letter from Father Viator McIntyre to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Robert W. Crooker
June 12, 1962

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Tuesday, June 12

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks very much for the letter of June 5th, which was waiting here at the College for me when I returned from the defense of the thesis last Saturday evening. The news it contained was interesting and welcome, except for Murray Bannon's condition.

So far as I could tell, the defense went well; Bill Irwin, Jim Hanrahan and Bob Madden were all in attendance, and as it was in the late afternoon Father Vincent Kennedy took us out to dinner to celebrate afterwards. Jim Hanrahan's impression, like mine, was that the exam went well; we both thought that the questions of the examiners were all about such very minor points that it did not look as if they found any serious defects to challenge. I have to go down to the Gregorian for a few minutes this morning, and so I'll leave this unsealed and put in the grades if they are available by now.

Johann Terpstra's brother is in town, and unfortunately Father Terence McLaughlin set a bad precedent by giving such excellent guided tours to anyone with Basilian connections; I'm finding it a bit strenuous myself, but I'm trying to hold up the tradition, and in any event I think he is leaving tomorrow. Andy

Robert W. Crooker
June 12, 1962

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Yeung will arrive Saturday evening and stay until Tuesday; my parents arrive Friday evening and stay until Sunday the 24th, the same day I fly back to Toronto, where I expect to land late that evening.

Bill Irwin has his first exam this morning, and is not yet certain of the exact times of his others; he hopes to get through in time to get to Annonay for Michel Deglène's ordination next weekend. Bill Gibbons went on up to Florence about a week ago and I don't know where he is by now.

I find Rome much more agreeable this time than on my last stay here, despite the fact that the weather is not nearly up to the usual Roman standards; the coffee is just as delicious as I remembered it, and it's a good thing I won't be here much longer or I'd give myself another ulcer with it!

There is practically no other news here, and I want to leave a bit of space for a word in ink about my exam results if they are ready, so will stop for now; see you on the 25th...They tell me the grades likely won't be available before I leave Rome, and I must wait for them to be mailed to me in Toronto (by surface mail, of course!). Sorry.

Bob Crooker

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Francis A. Orsini
August 27, 1962

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Hotel Gallia
63, rue Pierre-Charron
Paris
Mon. Aug. 27/62

Dear Bob -

Thank you for your letter which was waiting for me today when my Father, nephew and myself went to lunch with ~~THE~~ Basilians at Maison St.-Basile. They treated us royally. Father Robert Ritz was there along with the three newly-arrived-from-Toronto-scholastics. Construction work on the house is still in progress, but the completion date is still a few months away. However, they can manage ok in the meantime. All seem to be in good health and spirits. Bob Ritz is in "Heaven". The scholastics from Annonay should be arriving at the end of this week. There is some "Modern" bronze work in statues in the chapel. The house is decorated in a simple and pleasing style. There are lots of varieties of CHEESE for consumption.

We are leaving Paris on Wednesday noon (Aug. 29). We arrived here yesterday at noon. We shall spend about three days in Rome and then go back to the home town of Pescara for two or three days before starting the homeward trip.

I haven't encountered any stray Basilians wandering about in the places I have seen.

Francis A. Orsini
August 27, 1962

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The estimates of our architects are certainly discouraging when they are so far off the mark. Sorry I missed seeing Father Wey fume (all my sympathies to him and the general councillors, secretary and treasurer included). Glad to hear the novices are hanging on.

Best regards to all. The trip has been most enjoyable.

Sincerely in Christ

Frank Orsini.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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Clarence J. Drouillard
May 11, 1962

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Assumption University of Windsor
Modern Languages Department
400 Huron Line
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

May 11, 1962.

Rev. Robt. Scollard,
95 St. Joseph St.,
Toronto 5, Canada.

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for the celebret and
congratulations on its size and format
— just the right size for a wallet.

I shall be sailing in a week from
Tuesday (May 22nd) and would therefore
very much appreciate your getting me
the permission to say Mass on board ship.

I do not know whether the Basilians in
Paris will have room for me so that I
cannot give you a permanent address yet.
However I would appreciate your sending
the appointments to me in care of:
American Express, Paris.

Thanks again for your kindness and God
bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Clarence.

(Letter from Father Clarence Drouillard.
Transcribed from the original deposited
in the general archives of the Basilian
Fathers, Toronto.

Leonard J. Thompson
June 19, 1962

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128 Dillon Hall,
Notre Dame, Ind.
U.S.A.
June 19, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

Several weeks ago I wrote you for a transcript of marks in theology. Until I receive this my registration at Notre Dame is incomplete. I surely would appreciate your checking into this matter. If the transcript has already been sent to St. Charles in Sudbury, please disregard this note.

Yesterday Roy Oggero and I stood several hours in various lines clearing up trivia of registration, tuition, and residence. Boy, I was glad when that was over.

I'm looking forward to the two courses I'm taking: (1) Christian Doctrine in High School, Sister Jane Marie, O.P.; (2) Exegesis of Joannine Writings, Father Barrosse, C.S.C.

Au revoir pour maintenant. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Len Thompson, C.S.B.

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J. Francis Mallon
July 17, 1962

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Citta del Vaticano
July 17

Having dinner with Father Vincent Kennedy tonight. Have seen Fathers William Irwin and Robert Crooker here and Fathers Wallace Platt and Clarence Drouillard in Paris. Off for Madrid tomorrow. Regards to all at 200.

Frank.

(Postcard from Father Francis Mallon, in Rome conducting the Newman tour of Europe, to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

J. Vincent Thompson
July 15, 1962

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Rome.

Dear Father Scollard:

Got to Rome at last. Have seen Joe
Trovato and we plan to visit a bit of
Italy when he finishes his course.
The communications have been valuable
and much appreciated.

Vincent Thompson

(Postcard from Father Vincent Thompson.
Transcribed from the original deposited
in the general archives of the Basilian
Fathers, Toronto)

Robert G. Ritz
August 4, 1962

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Paris
Aug. 4

Dear Father,

At last - all this - and Heaven too!

Our House here at Issy is very comfortable, the third floor is still being built. Paris lies somewhat beneath my window, with the Eiffel Tower in the distance!

Sacré-Coeur with its marvelous panorama was visited yesterday (First Friday). Continual adoration since 1885. That's the Paris that prays. (There's also another that plays)

I'm most happy to be here. Spain and its people are also most attractive. Father Edward Lee and Father Edward Sullivan are here at Issy. We expect arrival of three seminarians this coming week. Father Platt is most hospitable.

R. Ritz, C.S.B.

(Postcard to Father Robert Scollard.
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Robert M. Fischette
September 18, 1962

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Saskatoon.

Dear Bob,

I've seen nothing but sunshine and fine weather ever since I arrived here last Saturday night. We are getting a wonderful break for the building purposes. Most of the stone work is finished, but they still have a long way to go in order to close in the building. Another month of reasonable weather would suffice. Tomorrow I leave for Vancouver by way of Edmonton. Tell Father Noy I received his telegram.

Bob Fischette, CSB

N.B. Father Basil'Sullivan's domain on reverse side.

(Postcard to Father Robert Scollard.
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Robert M. Fischette
November 3, 1962

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Calgary

Dear Father Scollard,

Took trip on All Saints Day to Emerald Lake, Lake Louise and Banff — beautiful scenery and lovely weather. We brought our top coats, but didn't need them!! Nothing but sunshine and good weather. Today is in the mid sixties again. It's hard to believe that other places, e.g. Toronto, has snow and cold weather.

Thanks for your letter. I'm sorry to hear that the Rochester House of Studies is still running into snags. Maybe we should forget about a separate building for a chapel and put it in with the activities part. It should make a considerable difference financially.

I'm amazed at the physical facilities here at St. Mary's Boys' School — tremendous! If all goes well, I'll leave for Lethbridge on Tuesday.

Robert M. Fischette, CSB

(Postacrd, transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Robert M. Fischette
October 25, 1962

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Dear Father Scollard,

I arrived at St. Mark's last Sunday a.m. by train. It is mild and generally sunny, although yesterday and today it has been cloudy. Wednesday p.m. Father McGuigan took me for a ride through Vancouver and some of the surrounding mountains. What a sight! I don't think there is much doubt about it that St. Mark's takes the prize for beauty among all of our institutions — or at least on a clear day!

Father McCorkell arrived yesterday for the installation of University of British Columbia's new president — Macdonald. Today he (Father McCorkell) will give a talk at the Newman Centre here at St. Mark's. Father Carr is in good health and so too are all the confreres. I'm planning to stay here until Tuesday, October 30, and then go by train to Calgary.

R.M. Fischette, CSB

(Postcard view of the University of British Columbia. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

John J. Glavin
November 15, 1962

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St. Anne's Church
2140 Westheimer
Houston 6, Texas
11-15-62

Dear 2906-32

Many thanks for keeping me posted on the Rochester House of Studies. I think as far as Houston is concerned "The gravy train has done gone by". Any further developments in Rochester?

I hope 4108-49 (Cyril Howard), 1802-23 (Leonard Rush), and 1503-18 (Louis Bondy) are felling OK again. How is 1501-18 (Daniel Forestell) doing? Did 1803-25 (Robert Lowrey) and 1805-25 (Carlisle LeBel) get back yet?

2705-34 (Leland Higgins) arrived here yesterday and is now down with 2708-33 (John Onorato) who is in bed with the flu.

We are expecting 3606-44 (Francis Orsini) the end of this week; and I understand 2811-36 (Father Wey) is to be here for Christmas. I hope he is coming to be Santa Claus.

1902-24 (William O'Toole) is just the same except growing older every day.



John J. Glavin
November 15, 1962

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4607-55 (John McGee) is doing fine; as you know he took the place of 4802-52 (Eugene Heyck) whom, I hope, is getting along well with 1702-25 (Thomas MacDonald).

Kindest regards to all, especially 2811-36 (Father Wey), 4610-55 (John Gaughan), 2302-27 (Hubert Coughlin), 3207-40 (Robert Fischette), 2807-35 (E.P. Magee), 1702-23 (Thomas MacDonald), 4004-48 (John Madden), 3604-44 (Francis Orsini), 3316-33 (John M. Kelly), and 4005-43 (Francis Firth).

With all good wishes

Sincerely

1701-21

(Letter from Father John Glavin to Father Robert Scollard with individuals identified only by numbers first published in the Basilian Annals for 1962. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto).

Joseph B. Courtney
September 17, 1962

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas
September 17, 1962

Dear Father,

A quick note to tell you I'm still chuckling over your "mistake" with Charley Delaney. We had glorious holidays this summer — his family and mine. Then with the death of Mom, I shall be eternally grateful to the Community for sending him and Jim Daley to the funeral. The fact that his grandmother and my mother (who were bosom friends) died so close together has further solidified our families.

I was happy to hear your comment that he seems to be very much at home looking after the boarders at Assumption. I got the impression last year and this that he was in great shape. I am most pleased. You know, there are a raft of nephews coming along in New York. Two claim they will be Carmelites and I've told them not a chance in the world, Pontiac for them.

Hope to see you in the not-too-distant future. In the meanwhile, though I have ties in New York, please, still carry me as a Texan. By the by, who in Toronto has such a high regard for my spirituality?

Joseph B. Courtney
September 17, 1962

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The report follows directly.

In Christ,

Joe Courtney.

P.S. Father Guinan preached the schol-
astics retreat ending August 15.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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posited in the general archives of
the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

William J. Young
October 16, 1962

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas
October 16, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

Received your letter and have already contacted Joe Courtney who tells me he has everything in order for the Annals. He was just waiting on a picture from Father Leonard Quinlan. So you should receive desired information in a short while if it has not already reached you.

Everyone is well down here. Ed Lee is nursing a cold but it's nothing serious. I don't know how anyone could catch cold here. We've been experiencing the warmest October on record. It was well over 90 all last week and yesterday and today have been about the same. Thank God for air-conditioning.

We were sorry to hear of Father John Corrigan's death. He sure had a lot of bad luck during the years. St. Mike's High School has lost a lot of good men in recent years.

Best wishes and regards.

Sincerely

Bill Young

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Richard J. Schiefen
July 3, 1962

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Seton Hospital
600 West Twenty-sixth Street
Austin 5, Texas
July 3, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

As far as I can foresee, I will be here at the hospital during the coming year. The phone number is GREENWOOD 6-6021. It is a good arrangement. I live here at the hospital where I get my meals, a lovely room with bath, laundry, etc., and I am chaplain at a home for unwed mothers across the street. The duties are not demanding. I preach a short little homily on Sunday A.M., have a conference once a week with the "girls" and hear their confessions. I am presently working on the financial arrangements. I figure that between the hospital and the home I should break even and have told them so. I'm not sure what the final arrangement will be — though really the conveniences here far outweigh the inconveniences, and it is only a ten minute walk from the university.

Thanks a million for your letter. It was deeply appreciated. I enjoyed hearing of Father Hubert Coughlin's conferences to the Missionary Sisters. I've always felt that he should be doing more of that. More power to the good sisters for cornering him.



Richard J. Schiefen
July 3, 1962

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I have been pleasantly surprised with the University of Texas. It is an excellent university — at least on the graduate level. Their library is fabulous. They have a larger British history collection than Toronto, including all of the periodicals, parliamentary papers and debates, etc. Unfortunately they also make one work.

The heat doesn't bother me in the least. Everything is airconditioned and I can guarantee that this is one summer in which I am not looking for a sun tan. I am only outside on my trips to and from the university.

Walter Scott and Wilfred Canning are both on the other side of the city. They were here Saturday night for dinner. I drove Wilf home with the chaplain's Volkswagon (sp?) and on the way home (in dead silence) Wilf piped up out of nowhere and said, "I'll bet when we were in the seminary eight years ago you never thought we'd be driving in a Volkswagon in Austin Texas at nearly midnight!" A not too profound but truthful observation.

Keep me in your prayers, Father, and thanks again for the word from Toronto.²

Fraternally in Christ,

Dick.

(Letter from Father Richard Schiefen. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Richard J. Schiefen
September 22, 1962

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Seton Hospital
600 West Twenty-sixth Street
Austin 5, Texas
Sept. 22, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

Enclosed is another card with address and phone number. Nothing has changed.

Classes at the university begin on Monday the 24th. It looks as though I'll be kept busy, and I am now eagerly waiting for this weather to break a little. Evenings and mornings are cool in Austin but it is still blistering during the day. I am grateful for air-conditioning. My room is so cool I always sleep with a thick blanket at night. I figure that judging from the usual proportion, you would use at least fourteen!

I spent several days in Houston. I agree with you that it would be well for the scholastics to have a house of their own. I do wish, however, that they could be drawn a little closer to the rest of the community there. They seem so isolated. This could have been merely a first impression for me.

The chaplain here at the hospital leaves tomorrow for Rome and the Council. There is another priest here to take his place, but the new man has heart trouble and I live in fear and trepidation that this

Richard J. Schiefen
September 22, 1962

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is going to add to my duties here. I think I can handle the situation since I cannot take on much more than I am doing now. They know how I feel about it so that I am sure all will work out satisfactorily.

The Paulists run the Newman Club here but it is not an entirely satisfactory situation. There are two priests serving the 2,000 Catholic students. I had dinner with the Paulists yesterday. They also run a parish which operates much like St. Basil's. There is now no Newman Club residence though plans are being made for one. This is what makes residence for the clergy rough in Austin. I prefer to avoid the parishes. They are so short of priests that they try to get a newcomer to do all that they can. I've neatly skirted them so far. They now want me to chaplain a family guild which meets once a month. I am putting them off and doubt if I will take it. These things can snowball.

Keep me in your prayers. The community is ever in mine. You are correct on the degree — M.A. in history, Toronto 1962. I don't think you print the M.A. thesis topics. If you do, mine is in the seminary library.

Yours in Christ,

Dick

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November 9, 1962

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Seton Hospital
600 West Twenty-sixth Street
Austin 5, Texas
Nov. 9, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

This will be a "quickie" though I wanted to drop a word of thanks for the news-letters and personal touches you usually manage to attach.

Someday a Basilian may write on the Second Vatican Council. Frankly I hope no one does it for a generation. Even Father Vincent Kennedy's remarks could well fit into one of the many extracts from letters, etc. which I had to thumb through pertaining to the Council in 1869-70. Whenever I read an article on the Council I can't help but be reminded of the same things which were being said of the first Vatican Council. There is not the same overt criticism from outsiders, of course, but there is still a great deal of delight in being able to "report" dissensions, etc., supposed or otherwise. Read chapters One and Two of my thesis and you'll see what I mean.

Our weather has turned cool. Days are in the low seventies and they find it cold. It is just beautiful. I still miss the North. I have to admit that the weather this time of year is wonderful though. If only I had more time to

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enjoy it! I try to get out once a week even if just to a movie.

I was interested (needless to say) in the information regarding the junior clergy exams. The last couple of readings will be hard for me to come by. I am familiar with the others, and had just finished the first for spiritual reading.

I may have something for a thesis topic, though I won't begin for a couple of years. I don't believe anyone has yet done a dispassionate account of the role or position of the Mexican bishops during the years of the revolution from Spain. The librarian assures me there would be lots of material on it right here in our library, though the man who will direct it would prefer me to work in South American history. There is still lots of time to decide. I still have these courses and the comprehensives to hurdle over.

I've been asked to do atbit of preaching, etc. but have turned it down, except of course here at the hospital and at the home where I preach every Sunday. I enjoy that. I do get more than enough pastoral work though have had to turn down much more. I believe I have not been imprudent in that regard.

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Keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Dick

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November 23, 1962

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Seton Hospital
600 West Twenty-sixth Street
Austin 5, Texas
Nov. 23, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

I received the newsletter (Father Flahiff's letter from Rome) and enjoyed it.

Yesterday morning I left Austin at 5:30 in the morning and drove to Houston for Thnaksgiving dinner. The sisters at the Home where I'm chaplain insisted that I take their car. They are good to me. I had dinner with the Farges and then visited the high school where I had a nice visit with Father Orsini. St. Anne's had all the Basilians over after Forty Hours in the evening so I had a grand time there too. I left Houston at a little before 10:00 this morning and was back in Austin by 1:00. I was working at the library by 2:00 P.M. Pretty good eh? It surely was nice being with the community again. I needed that. Now it doesn't seem so long until Christmas. I expect to go to Houston for at least three or four days then. I promised the sisters I'd stay here to give them a Midnight Mass so I can't get away for Christmas itself. That won't matter too much.

This letter is partly to gripe! Where is my annals??? I didn't realize it was



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out until I saw one at the university. If there are any around Toronto I surely would like one. Everyone in Houston seemed tickled to see that we were all numbered. Father Carl Allnoch especially enjoyed that.

I had a bout with the flu last week which set me behind a little. I had to leave class one day. I guess I fought it one day longer than I should have. I live at the right place at a time like that though. The sisters had the worst of it knocked out of me in 24 hours though I remained a little weak for a couple of days. I can certainly say that the nursing care was excellent.

The scholastics at St. Thomas seem quite happy. I spoke to them for a few minutes yesterday. Dennis Andrews seemed especially happy.

Daytime the temperature is still up in the seventies. We had a cold spell last week when I doggone near froze to death but it went as fast as it came. Now it is like August up North — only a nice day in August. Houston was the same way. (I still miss the North!) Somehow all of the Christmas decorations seem incongruous.

Keep me in your prayers Father — and
DON'T FORGET THAT ANNALS!

Devotedly in Christ,
Dick.

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June 4, 1963

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Seton Hospital
600 West Twenty-sixth Street
Austin 5, Texas
June 4, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

I received the newsletter today. I let Dave Abalos and John McManus read it and also Wilf Canning. I left Houston on Sunday with John McManus. Pat Braden drove us up. John is taking a six-week course. Then Wilf Canning drove up yesterday and brought Dave Abalos. Wilf is here for two or three days doing a little research to finish up his thesis.

Dave was exhausted after two days without sleep. I told him to go to bed and he slept in my bed while the rest of us went out to dinner. We brought his supper back to him. He felt fine then and I drove him out to St. Edward's. He'll be living with religious there. They have been fine to him.

St. Edward's is not near where I live but Dave and I will be taking the same course. He is, of course, very eager, zealous and ambitious. I have known him quite well. At the same time he is not really mature though he feels he is. Actually he needs a bit of a kick in the pants but it would have to be done delicately and by someone who knows him well. I am not sure that I would be the

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one. Today he was extremely upset by the "nonsensical" lines and redtape involved in registration. He is, of course, finding out the hard way that graduate work is not all libraries and reading. I share his dismay at times.

Today I stood in the registration lines for fifteen minutes and then came home. It was so hote in that sun (well over 90 degrees) that I decided it was better to register late. My head still feels as though I am carrying a hundred pounds on it. Graduate students can register late without penalty and it is easier on the nerves.

My language requirements are now completed. I finished Portuguese last semester. This summer 'Ill take only one course — what I hope is my last research seminar. Actually U'll also take a six-week government course required of all students. I'm taking it with a group that meets at seven A.M. each day and ends at 8:30. Then I'll have the rest of the day free for the other course. I told the sisters they would have Mass at six am for a few weeks instead of at seven. They don't mind, bless them.

I had a wonderful retreat at the high school. The preacher was fine, but more important for me, I had a chance to take stock of myself while thanking God that I am part of the community. The priests made a fine retreat, at least ostensibly.



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Of course in the day before and those after I appreciated more than ever that the high school has some big problems. This doesn't alarm me particularly. I have been so blessed during the past thirteen years or so and of course it simply underlines the human side of the clergy and the needs for prayers for priests. Some of our young men seem to be taking the stupid way out from what I gather.

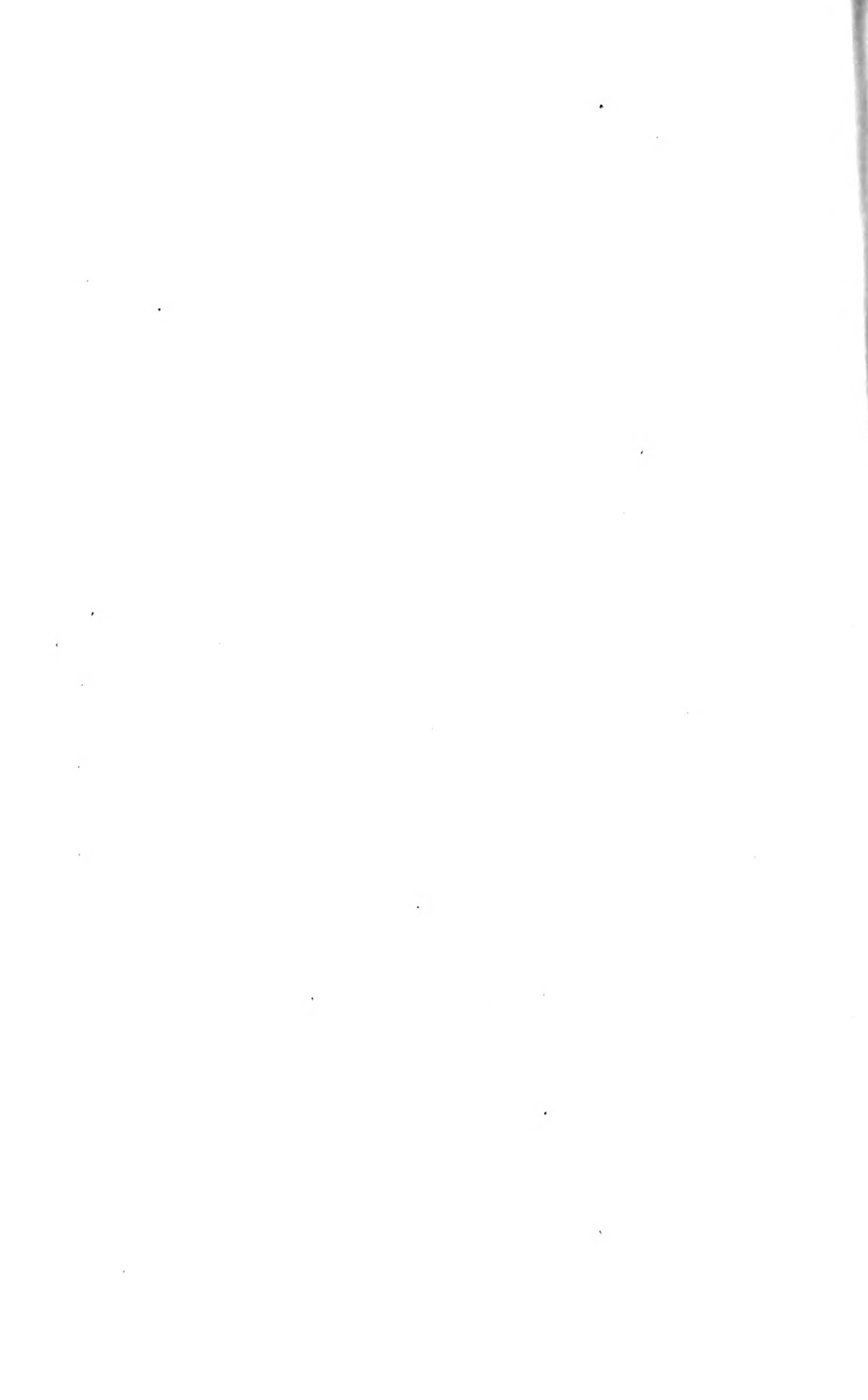
I am tired and will be glad for a few weeks of rest at the end of the summer. I have paced myself more lately, nowever. I'll do the best I can within the prudent limits which I believe my particular personality demands. I refuse to allow my education to take on the competitive, dog-eat-dog qualities which exist in the business world and more and more characterize higher educational circles. I'd rather be a failure in other's eyes than see that happen.

We are planning to go out (John, Dave and I) for St. Basil's Day. I told them that you would undoubtedly send me the appointments and that we could open them here at the proper time and read them together.

Thank you, Father, for the notes you append to the newsletters, etc. They mean a lot.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dick



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P.S. I took the clergy exam in Houston.
I don't suppose I wowed anyone by
my answers, but I know they will
be substantially o.k.

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Richard Jeffery
October 5, 1962

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Padres Basilianos
San Juan de Aragon
Villa de Guadalupe
Mexico 14, D.F.
October 5, 1962

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
Secretary General
Basilian Fathers
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for the informative and newsy letter; it was most refreshing to get caught up on some of the latest Basiliana.

Our mail service here leaves much to be desired; we are assured of deliveries twice or at most thrice a week. This fits in beautifully with the "mañana" atmosphere that one encounters everywhere in the Land South of the Border. Even I have been getting slowly accustomed to it.

Work on the "cultural center", consisting of a convent for 4 to 6 sisters, a dispensary, a parish hall and classrooms for catechetics is proceeding on schedule. We would like to time its completion with that of New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

I am forwarding under separate cover the

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photographs that you requested. The reason for the delay is that we were temporarily out of film, and this particular type of film is also very expensive.

The picture marked "2" on the reverse side is a front view of St. John Chrysostom Church (Parroquia de San Juan Crisóstomo), San Juan de Aragon. The picture marked "8" on the reverse side is also of the same church, showing something of the beautiful cement and metal grill fence designed by Father Leonard Quinlan. He directed the work on this fence during his stay at San Juan this past summer. The picture numbered "3" is of the incomplete "Social Center" located directly south and adjacent to the church. Picture number "5" is of "La Pradera", a mission of San Juan, also incomplete. Picture number "6" is of "La Providencia", another mission of San Juan de Aragon. Both of these missions are located on a former lake bed, now completely arid.

The figures given in the report are only approximate. According to our parish records, since our taking over the parish we have had 3,330 First Communions, 720 baptism and 191 marriages. The latter are about 80% convalidations.

I do hope that this information will prove useful to you, Father. Do remember us in your prayers. In St. Basil,

Dick <Jeffery>

Samuel D. Femiano
October 17, 1962

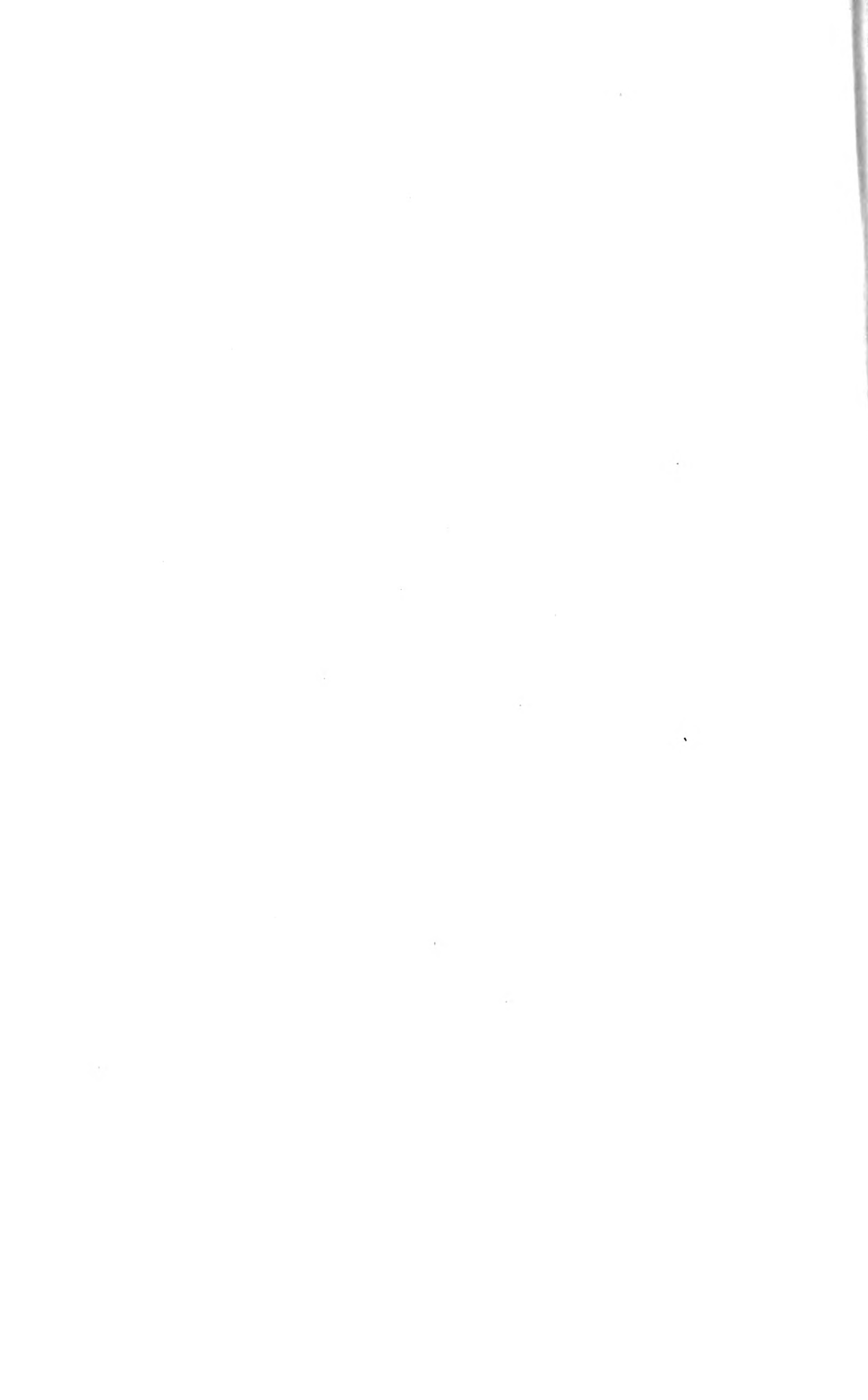
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Dear Father Scollard,

Somewhat belated but still very sincere thank you for your letter of a month ago — I hope you will find odd minutes during the year to send others. School has not started yet for Bud Paré and me although I am writing my entrance exams this week. So far I have had dogma and moral. Tomorrow is Scripture and then three oral exams spaced over apparently the next two weeks. They don't seem terribly excited about them at all. And they are just little exams as far as my standards go. Only a question or two — but the main idea is to see if you can go about theology I guess. The courses look very good. I told Father ~~Wey~~ the line up in a letter a while back so you have probably a good idea of how they stand.

Building wise this is a great place for waiting. Currently we are waiting for the men to put in the stairs, the plumbing and the heating. We have been waiting for a couple of weeks — but they are in no hurry. Fortunately the furnace is working and there is no large hole in the roof so we are comfortable. Construction has not been a real bother since they are never in the house when they are here.

Archbishop Flahiff's visit was appreciated by all and very interesting. I think he must like us since he stayed



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for about five days and was around the house quite a bit. It was a good rest for him and a chance to reorientate to Europe before plunging into Rome. We are anxiously waiting for news about the Council. There is not much even over here. The proposition of Cardinal Lienart had much interesting coverage over here, more than in Canada I'm sure. Le Figaro at first played it as a French coalition angle then shortly went to great pains to make clear that the Curia was in complete agreement with the whole idea. Lately they are very careful to show that the French bishops are really part of the universal Church. It is really good. We get the Tablet too although it is still too early for them to comment. I noticed in Figaro this morning that Bishop Burke of Buffalo died.

The seminarians at Saint Sulpice are hard at work and already doing essays. The break has been rather enjoyable for us though. It has been a chance to do some reading and to move around Paris a bit. The city is really enjoyable to see. Just walking down the street is worth paying money. Typical is today. The girls who punch tickets on the subway went on strike so you could ride the subway free. The trains were all running on schedule and everything but there were no attendants anywhere in the stations. It was most amusing — and saved almost a franc — which is worth it. I have

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found an American library — the Benjamin Franklin library which specializes in American history, literature, etc. in English although it has a French section of books on the States. You can take them out for three weeks which is a wonderful feature. Also periodicals — Commonweal, America, etc. — the only problem is finding some time to read them.

Please excuse the typing but this isn't one of those fine Underwoods of once upon a time. Regards to all.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary

Sam

P.S. We received Father Wey's announcement about a visit. He is welcome anytime. We will treat him handsomely (despite the Rule).

(Letter written by Father Samuel Femiano from Maison Saint-Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Samuel D. Femiano
February 14, 1963

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Maison Saint-Basile
27 rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)
February 14, 1963.

Dear Father Scollard,

This is a somewhat tardy answer to your letter but we have been involved in exams and now that they are over I have a chance to catch up on a rather large backlog. Thank you very much for the information concerning Application Forms. It looks like an efficient form, or should I say more efficient since your forms are always very practical. We received also from Father Brennan a number of weeks ago the proceedings of the Vocation Meeting of last year. It was most welcome especially to those who had not been there.

Regarding the Minor Orders received here: Father Platt sent the list to Father Malley along with those of Jacques Deglesne's ordinations. Judging from the newsletter which arrived this morning you have found them so unless I hear from you again I will let them go.

The news regarding the new foundation in Edmonton was not surprising to me in the least but raised speculation as to the men who would go there. How about a couple of foundations in the States

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since TIME has now officially recognized and made a rather good point about our compatibility with non-catholic neighbors.

The work at the House is coming, if not rapidly, at least finally to a close. That is the upper stories. The painters are putting the second coats on everything and have been a most efficient crew. Even Father Hubert Coughlin's eagle eye would find it hard to trip them up. The floor is promised for next Monday and Tuesday and that will just about settle us for good. Work on the community room will have to wait a bit for better weather since it will involve opening us to the outside. Fortunately the cold spell broke and we are beginning to feel a little more human about it all.

The exams went all right. I don't expect we have broken any records but we got through and enjoyed most of them since they were either short or orals. The four hour written exams are a bit too much for my aging endurance. The next term is less crowded with class hours which will give me some time to work on the licence theses. The year is going very quickly though and I am afraid it will be summer before very long.

Needless to say Bud Paré was very happy about the decision regarding his studies next year and so were the rest of us, especially me. He has been a great help

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this year with his knowledge of the Institut and their ways.

You will be happy to know that our library here in the House is coming along well although we have just about gone the limit for this year. We have established a number of good contacts, one for secondhand books and bookseller here in the city who gives us about 28%-29%. We have been very pleased so far.

My regards to the House and thank you for all your attention.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sam.

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March 10, 1963

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Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very much for your letter and all the news. I presume your talk to the Knights of Columbus in Owen Sound will be published and you will send us a copy. You are becoming a regular vicar there from the sounds of it. If I may contrast our weather with yours; since about a week and a half we have had glorious spring and the trees will be budding any day now. The city is beautiful in the sun and the families are taking advantage of the sunshine. You cannot imagine how hard the winter was on them. To us it seemed rather ordinary and even less than ordinary since we are used to lots of snow and cold; but they felt it badly and there were fuel shortages to make it worse. Fortunately we had not problems at the house. The appointments weren't quite as exciting as usual and we shall have to wait for the other ones but they were interesting and the idea of putting them out now was fabulous. I am sure all the presidents and principals are most happy as well as some scholastics who are good at mathematics. Alfie Graham must have been a little taken back and Father George Beaune more than anyone. Frank O'Grady will probably have forgotten what it looks like in the East. One advantage of this method, too, is that it gives lots of scope for rumours. Of



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course we got no information for the house, not even a clue as to what to expect by way of numbers for next year. Our own bookseller is a wholesaler really rather than a secondhand dealer although he will search out titles but we have had little success that way. We are registered in an Entre-Aide de Bibliothèques which circulated lists of duplicates, etc. which various libraries are getting rid of. If there are any particular titles you are interested in and could send a list I could look out for them or even advertise for them since they circulate lists of requests as well. There are easily fifty libraries involved in the system. We picked up a Dictionnaire de Théologie Catholique through them complete and reasonable. Librairie Saint Louis I don't know but will look in some time. Right now our budget is exhausted and don't make any comments on how quickly. The DTC was unexpected and took what we had left for the rest of the year. We have a rather good basic collection so far and within a few years should have a good working library for anyone living here. My experience with you has helped in that I know something of the general lines to follow in selecting books. Fortunately we can get double the amount of books for the same price as back home. It helps considerably when one is just starting out. The confreres are wondering about



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the Novitiates. How many at present and what hopes for next year. The novena for St. Joseph starts today. Father Wey's letter was very good. He has the knack of saying a lot in a few words and very much to the point. Just by the way, the scholastics on graduate work has fascinated us; any clues? We are rather out of touch with the scholastics if I may be permitted a lame excuse but it is true and lately news from overseas has been almost nil. It is amazing how few letters have come through. We celebrated St. Thomas with due respect even though we could not have a Mass. I must say though the position he holds over here is a little different from the atmosphere around St. Michael's College. He is deeply respected but reasonably and the Summa Theologiae is used a little differently from back home. The experience of our own seminary has proved very valuable and what I am learning here by way of contrast will be handy when I get back to the States or Canada. With the foundation in Edmonton it lookslike we may be expanding in a variety of directions and opportunities for theology will be rather wide. I would hope so. The confreres all send their regards. They are having a bit of a breathing space at the Seminary. They have a new system this year in regard to exams and they fall at the end of the various tracts which means there are times when exams are every week. This gets a little



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tiremsome after a while because you seem to be always studying for an exam. They like the courses though very much and judging from their comments their professors are most competent. Someday you will have to persuade the Council to let you make a visitation. You would enjoy it very much and pick up lots of valuable information and views.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sam.

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Samuel D. Fremiano
June 27, 1963.

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Dear Father Scollard,

I suppose this should start with a long apology for not writing sooner but I claim the press of exams and assure you that you are in distinguished company since I have written no one for a while. Thank you for your cards from Owen Sound. They are always appreciated. I have your letter and request for information on drop-outs. In the next couple of weeks I shall make some inquiries and see what I can find out. Don't think I have forgotten you though if it is a month before any information comes through. The French are not terribly efficient and I have no idea of what I will find or not find. Congratulations on the appointments. We went over them carefully as you may imagine and Steve escaped our notice too. Glad to hear you agree with the appointments with a larger measure of approval than usual. We are pleased with them. As far as the house is concerned though Father Prince was a surprise. I am very much looking forward to seeing him again although I should love to have been in the community room at Aquinas the day they read them. Novitiate applications look encouraging although everyone is agreed that scholastic losses are more of a problem lately.

Our house has been a veritable hotel already this year and there is promise of much more to come. I am beginning to think that the Canadian and American

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governments have nothing to do but support Basilian studies abroad. It is most encouraging though. Owen Lee was through on his way to Greece and Dick Donovan spent three weeks with us (or rather in the Bibliothèque Nationale and sleeping here at the house). Alfie Graham is here now and Bill Irwin and we are having a bit of class reunion. The scholastics are on retreat this week at the seminary of Chartres. Saturday is ordinations — second minors and subdiaconate for the respective classes. We are taking advantage of the supposedly empty house to get the kitchen painted (the first time since the house was built) and the floors vitrified. You can't imagine how slow the French are when it comes to construction. The community room is progressing slowly and will probably be finished for the Fall — if we are lucky.

The weather would put even Toronto to shame — lots of rain and the month of June has been unreasonably cold to the point of turning on the heat the odd time to get the chill out of the house. I hope we will have a warm summer with some sunshine. I think most of it will be spent here in Paris on a variety of things. Some studying and some sight-seeing to make up for the last seven or eight months when life was rather restricted to the books. Also my brother and his wife and children arrived a few weeks ago and are now established in Clamart which the banlieu next to ours. So far they are finding it strange but



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are adjusting well enough. They will be here for a year since his job goes that long. I hope maybe to take some holidays with them this summer. I won't be going to Goethe since I shall be doing my theses in October and need some time to prepare them. The exam last week went rather poorly. On the whole though the year went well and I am now an expert in Hebrew and Greek. I amazed eveny myself with the work I did. Next year will be a lot easier from many points of view although right now I am content to sit around a bit and relax.

You will probably see Wally in another week or so and get lots of the details you want on the house. He and Bill leave together on Saturday next. I shall write a bit more faithfully next time. As soon as I have gathered some information.

In Christ,

Sam.

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Samuel D. Femiano
August 2, 1963

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)

August 2, 1963.

Dear Father Scollard,

Excuse me for being so brief but I am in the midst of leaving for a couple of weeks. Thank you very much for your letter about the novices and other things. I have already conveyed the information to Bud and hope to see him soon. All is going well and the nese next two weeks will be a reak I have been waiting over a month to take. Also your letter on the quarterly report arrived about the same time as the other but all had already been regulated so I didn't write out a new one. I will write again some time to Father Wey when Father Prince is here and we have arranged things.

Jim Rent arrives later this morning and Jacques Deglesne is at the airport now to meet him. I shall put you au courant again the end of the months. Thanks again and excuse me for being so brief.

In Christ,

SAM.

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August 31, 1963

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)

August 31, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Excuse me for being a bit brief but I wanted to get this off to explain why I haven't gotten the information you wanted. It has been almost impossible this summer to find the time for anything because of the business of keeping the house going. The changeover has worked out without difficulty but there has been so much to do that I have really been snowed under. I shan't put it aside though once the exam is over in October and I find some time to breathe I promise to look into it. It will be easier then too since the Seminary will be open as well as other houses in Paris. In the summer most people are away. I am going down to Annonay for retreat and to study and will be away for accouple of weeks. Father Prince arrived the other day and is full of smiles. The full complement is in just about and it looks like we will have a good year. September will be a month of work for the most part since a lot of jobs around the house need to be done before school starts. We are expecting a few more visitors yet and then I hope



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we will be spared for a while. Remember me to Father Fischette. I hope to write him a letter before many weeks. I hope he is getting around these days.

Keep the letters coming with any news.

In Christ,

Sam.

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September 23, 1963

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Dear Father Scollard,

This is purely gratuitous but I spent a couple of weeks at Annonay finally and thought you might enjoy a few impressions. Also I thought you should start making plans to come overss since their libraries are very interesting besides all the other things there are around. I found a copy of the Constitutions of 1878 which I suppose you already have but in case not, they are there. Thank you also for the copy of Julian Tracol's life and thoughts. I shall look through it when I get the chance. While I was in Annonay I read through Father Roume's history and found it most interesting not only for itself and the beginnings of the community but mainly because of the spirit of the men which it showed. We really haven't changed much when you come right down to it. You should do something about getting the history available as soon as possible or at least write or get someone to write a brief introduction to get the conferes' appetites whetted. It deserves to be read but anyone who is interested in what the Basilians are doing. The Chapter on Toronto was very interesting. Who is going to do the rest now? Father Roume says that most of the papers are in Toronto so it looks like someone on that side of the water. How about Father Lajeunesse for the 150th anniversary of the first promises. You

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could sponsor a three volume project: Father Roume's, the intermediate years and the community as a real congregation with full status. Anyway I would for one be very interested in seeing it done. The house is beginning to shape up once more after a long delay of about three months. The carpenters arrived last week and are working very well. The electrician is in as well. We hope to get the man for the furnace soon and that leaves not much more. The sacristy will be a bit of a project since we have not even started on it yet, but it isn't as urgent as the community room. We are happy though with the progress these last few days. Archbishop Flahiff was through on Thursday and Madam Schima put on a dinner to beat all dinners. We only had him for the one day so we had to do it up right. He went on to Annonay for a day too. They were really glad to see him. The retreat down there was very interesting even though the preacher wasn't the best I have ever heard. They were disappointed. I really enjoyed living around the college though. It reminded me very much of Aquinas back Stateside. The last few weeks before the big return and everyone was working hard and getting schedules and rooms ready. Made me feel at home. Father Robert is hospitality personified. Jacques Deglesne has moved right in and is getting along very well. I met Bernard Forel, the boy who will be coming up here

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this year to live with us and study. A very nice boy and quite eager to be a part of the community. We are glad to have him too since otherwise there would be no Frenchman in the house. We don't know yet though when he will be up. It depends on the opening of school. Our own classes don't start (Bud, Conrad and I) until the end of October. The Seminary opens on the 4th of October, which isn't very far away now. I haven't forgotten your request and I hope you are not too impatient but it will require a certain amount of time and lately what time I have is all taken up with the house. My exam is the 24th of October and studying is a real concern so that I find myself pretty well making a full day. Please give my regards to Father Fischette. I hope to write him soon although there isn't much to relate about the work except that it is moving along. Also to Father Wey and Father Orsini. Write if you have a chance to bring us up to date. Thank you for your letters of the summer. They were most welcome. The German experience went very well with Bud Paré. I just remembered that Dick Allard mentioned about sending you the information for the Annals. It will be ready in a day or two. I don't have your letter at the moment.

In Shrist,

Sam

Samuel D. Femiano
December 12, 1963

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Dear Father Scollard,

You have by now probably heard all the news there is to tell from these parts since the Archbishop (Flahiff) left us for you on Wednesday and is by now home again, I'm sure. His visit was a huge success, as always and the ordination went off with the best of success, despite our rubrics which are not the best. You will be interested to know that there is no book in French which gives rubrics for such ceremonies. They had one years ago which is now out of print and no one is interested in making another. Nor is there an equivalent to the O'Connell as far as that goes. Fortunately the Seminary training was good. Your letter was most welcome with the news of happenings round and about. We were very sorry to hear about the death of Father Carr. It made me stop and think that the old guard is beginning to go. What I mean is that there are fewer and fewer who can tell from first hand what happened at the beginnings. I hope you are persuading someone to do some history. I am sorry to hear that Rev. Joseph O'Neill has included us (or at least the conference) in his book. I was hoping that would all have been forgotten long ago. It was not very pleasant to begin with. I have by no means forgotten your request for information, in fact it pricks me from time to time. Time is the problem though but in the next month I hope to

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do something substantial. I have never seen days slip by so quickly leaving so much work to be still done. This year Christmas won't even be a break since I am hoping to get some work done during the "holidays". We have been wondering about the Ordo. Since we have had no word I presume it is still in stage of being finished. Next year? I have a question of interpretation too: Our faculty for confessions, Basilians that is. Does a Basilian who, for the time being, has no faculties still have the faculty of hearing Basilian confessions and others who enter into the canon? This is someone who has had faculties but who has not renewed them or taken them up in a new location. The house is coming along (that is an old line) but it looks like we will have our community room for Christmas which will be most welcome. The man is putting in the floor these days and that is the end of the work. The electrician is working too on the final touchese and if I can persuade some carpenters to come as they promised we will have all done except some painting which will have to wait a month or two. But this will be the end for quite a while. I look forward to a quieter second half of the year. I have begun work on Newman for the thesis and it is moving along slowly, mostly reading at the moment but there is a lot of that as preliminary work. Fortunately I find him ost interesting. For the record Bud Paré received

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the diaconate on the 10th of December from Archbishop Flahiff in our chapel. You probably have the date anyway but since you may want to put a note in the next newsletter I repeat it. The Archbishop may have mentioned it when he was there but this is the third 10th of December he has been here: 1961 he blessed the house; 1962 he ordained Jacques Deglesne deacon and this year he ordained But Paré. I am afraid this is the last 10th though since next year the Council ends earlier. We have probably seen more of him than anyone in the Community since he was consecrated and we are most proud of it. Greetings to everyone for Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sam.

(Letter written by Father Samuel Femiano from Maison Saint-Basile, Issy-les-Moulineaux. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



Frederick J. Zakoor
September 23, 1963

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St. Mary's College
Wilson and Wilcox
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Sept. 23, 1963
Two years and 23 days after
my arrival in the Sault.

Dear Fr. Scholard

I know I misspelled your name. It was
a freudian slip.

You should race to the Sault to see
the beauty of the fall change in col-
ours. It is worth a trip. The north
is truly beautiful. This past weekend
I drove to Wawa and had the full bene-
fit of God's Wonderland as I passed
through woods overlooking Lake Superior
from the rocky hills.

We appreciated receiving your newsy
letter. Even with Father William James
Brown in Toronto last Saturday leaves us
short of community news. Except for
the scenery I have nothing new to report.

We may be redecorating our chapel. Have
you any expensive ideas that would cost
very little? I would be interested in
hearing from you on this. We still have
no trees. Perhaps you will come up with
Father Hubert Coughlin and advise us.
We have a lot of cold water to offer you.
Our taps give ice water.

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I tried to convince Father Brown to have a picture taken of our new addition but I didn't succeed.

In Christ, Fred.

(Letter from Father Frederick Zakoor.
Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Frederick J. Zakoor
November 5, 1963

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St. Mary's College
Wilson and Wilcox
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

November 5, 1963
Guy Fox Day

Dear Fr. Schollard

It would be easier for me if you would put an "h" in your name. I always seem to make a mistake. The enclosed clipping will indicate to you that we are thinking of you.

I tried to obtain a photo of our new school but did not succeed. I had a student here one evening taking pictures for me which took over an hour. But like the typical student he tells me three days later that he did not know how to use the camera. The name of our new school is St. Basil's. Rather original.

I expect to receive your annals soon. Do you know where I can get a collection of photos of our institutes to use for a vocation display? How about your collection that you have used in the past in the annals? Perhaps someone at the Seminary can make large copies of them for distribution.

All is well in the north. We are looking forward for our next visitor. Exams begin on the 18th.

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November 5, 1963

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Could you send us an English translation to be used in place of Latin for our daily prayers used by the community? We have permission to use them but we do not have an approved translation. Thanks.

In Christ,

Fred.

(Letter from Father Frederick Zakoor.
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Frederick J. Zakoor
November 17, 1962

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Dear Fr. Scollard,

Congratulations on your fine addition of the Basilian Annals. I appreciate your concern to keep me happy in all my listings. I hope you will be able to keep all the confreres happy with your new numbering system. I am sure it has given the confreres may occasion for humor.

Could I be bold enough to make a few suggestions for next year's Annals. I would like to see an up to date list of our departed confreres. It might also be of interest to list each year the following information:

Number of priests in the community..total
Number of priests on the Missions
Number of priests engaged in Parish work.
Number of priests associated in Colleges.
Number of priefests associated in High Sch.

Number of scholastics...total
Number of undergraduates
Number of teachers
Number of theologians.

We have not planted any trees yet mainly because we do not know where to put them. One of the men in the city promised to draw up a plan for us during the coming winter. So maybe next year we will have trees. Our new addition is starting to rise.

In Christ,

Fred Zakoor, CSB



William H. O'Brien
September 24, 1962

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Saint Lawrence College
Sainte-Foy
Quebec 10, P.Q., Canada
Monday, Sept. 24/62

Dear Father Scollard -

Thanks very much for the newsletter and your "newsy" letter! Good to hear from home. Will ask you to excuse the note-paper but I understood you want as rapid a reply as possible bearing my new address. Quod vide supra, as we Latin scholars say. For my 15 years of teaching French, nine summers in French at Laval, plus degree, have equipped me to teach Latin in English to the local Irish. Not by way of complaint, mind you. Am happy they didn't ask me to handle Chemistry and Greek!

My day is crowded, nights too, since I have the Junior Dormitory, 22 pipsqueaks, aged 11-13! Serves me right wanting to be a scholar. Two lectures a week at Laval, doctorate level.

Father P.S. Miffen told me he's awaiting an answer from Father Wey as to how much the Order expects me to receive. I had understood that I'd be drawing the same as the other clergy here, not so apparently. Will try to compose a more detailed report for the Council as soon as things settle.

Fraternally in Christ, Bill O'Brien, CSB

William H. O'Brien
June 14, 1963

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Jeffery Hael's Hospital
1250 St. Foy Road
Quebec 6, Quebec

St. Basil's Day

Dear Father Scollard:

Many thanks for the letter you sent. To date all I have been able to read of it is the note you typed on the outside of the envelope. My curiosity quotient, at the moment rather high, will go on mounting till tomorrow at 8. You can depend on me not to open the appointments till then.

Said Mass in the convent next door last Wednesday morning, yesterday, and will continue to do so until I'm discharged next Monday. The fact that I was able to say Mass a week after the operation I had has been the cause of considerable eye-brow arching, but I understand that such conversations usually wind up in a laugh when somebody says that, after all, it's not too surprising...this bird O'Brien got dressed and drove himself to the hospital after two duodenal attacks. It appears that the staff here is in somewhat the same position as my students: things work out as soon as they understand me.

The hospital is known familiarly as "Jeff",

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the big Protestant hospital of the old Catholic Capital. And for and about "Jeff" I can't speak highly enough! These people are wonderful!!

Doctor Kelly had originally intended to discharge me yesterday; change of mind. Am staying till Monday. Recovery is excellent, and a good three days ahead of schedule.

All, then, is well. Perspiration negative (no sweat!). Deo gratias.

Yours gratefully and fraternally in Christ,

Bill O'Brien, CSB

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Frederick J. Zakoor
October 1, 1962

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St. Mary's College
Wilson and Wilcox
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
October 1, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

I hope you find the enclosed satisfactory. Tomorrow the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario is visiting our school but no holiday will be declared. Msgr. Crowley's 60th anniversary was the occasion to fill our residence with the greatest number of Basilians at the Sault. Father E.P. Magee extensively visited the house and now is in Ottawa. When are you coming to supervise the planting of trees. I am ordering the '63 Ordo now so I hope this is not the year we are supposed to buy the Basilian Ordo from you. The Separate School Board is to build the addition to St. Basil's School in the near future. This should break the monotony of looking at the six feet snow drifts during the long winter months.

In Christ,

Fred Zakoor, CSB

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Michel Deglène
July 16, 1962

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
July 16th, 1962.

Dear Father Scollard,

I received your letter several days ago and it is now my turn to give you some news from here. But before starting with news from Annonay I must thank you for the many interesting points contained in your letter.

This period of the year is not a good one for letters; I was glad, through you, to hear news from Toronto and the Community. Only a few Basilians are likely to be in town. Most of our scholastics should be at the Island or at summer school. I know you are likely to be found at the Curial House and maybe you are working already on the next Basilian Newsletter.

Speaking of The Basilian Newsletter reminds me of printing. It will be my turn to wait anxiously for this bulletin which will bring here news from the Congregation. The approximate price of \$288.00 given by Father Roland Janisse is correct; it did cost us that much and in my judgment this had to include everything except labor.

Well, thanks to God, I am now a priest. There is little need to describe to you my deep joy. You know how things went here on the occasion of my ordination since we sent to you a copy of the school

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bulletin (put out here by one of the diocesan priests on the staff). There will have to be a change made when you publish The Basilian Annals for I didn't say my First Solemn Mass at St. Francis Church (my parish) but at the school, and it was Father Platt who was the assistant priest. My Mass was on Monday, June 18th, at 11.00 a.m. in the chapel of the school. I had hoped to say a Mass in my parish on June 24th but on this day all Catholic schools of Annonay have their "feast" day and Mass is said outside in the property of one of the schools. This is very much like Rosary Sunday of October in Toronto when all go down to the Stadium to praise and honor Mary. Well, I said that Mass on the 24th.

I went home only for a week and I have been here at the school for over three weeks now. Only a few priests are here: Father Robert, Father Pouzol are the only two Basilians with myself. Fathers Roume, Lextrait and Roure were at a meeting in Lille. On the way back they went through Annonay to leave the car which had been damaged, twiceP once on the way to Lille, the other in coming back. Fortunately there was nothing serious: headlights, turning lights and front bumper to change. Fathers Roume and Roure went down south. Father Roume will stay at the summer house and Father Roure will be home up to August 1st. The same is to be said of Father Reynouard. Father Lextrait will stay here with us.

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Jacques Deglesne has been in Annonay for two weeks. I see him only rarely since he is apparently settling some family matters. News of other priests: Father Brot took parish work near Paris; Father Celette is home; Fathers Principe and Kirley should be home; Father Beaune took work in a military camp near Metz.

The school here is in a state of repairs. The last section of the roof is being changed. New wooden floors are under way on the second floor. The students' dining room and the main corridor are being remodelled.

I will have to start preparing for the new school year. I will be prefect or master of discipline in the junior division. You know I am far from being excited at the thought of this work but I will try to do my best. Things here are really complicated. It seems to me we are victims of many things: a property too large to be administered properly, a huge old building which will engulf millions of francs to remain in the last analysis an old building. But even the men who make this house are quite something. We are really three groups, as you know. At table you really need to stop and think three or four times before you venture something.

Regarding vocations it is hard to say something since I arrived at the end of the school year. One fact which seems

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to indicate a change: after my ordination two young men from the school came up to me and asked for my blessing. They introduced themselves as seminarists. I have also met some parents who hope their son will become a Basilian.

One thing I remember now and connected with my ordination. I was really glad to see so many confreres from America here with us on the occasion. We had Fathers Wallace Platt, William Gibbons, Robert Madden, James Hanrahan and William Irwin.

Well, Father, I'd better stop now. I am sure that you won't forget to ask Our Lord that I may become more and more a priest according to His heart. I am sure your prayers will be of great help to me during the year to come.

May God bless your work and our entire Congregation. I remain

Sincerely yours in Our Lord

M. Deglène, C.S.B.

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Michel Deglène
October 1, 1962

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
October 1st, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

I hope I am not too late with this letter but I have been so busy these past ten days that I couldn't write any sooner. I am going to run down the list of information and I hope I won't disappoint you too much.

There were no degrees received by Basilians during this past year at the school, no changes in phone or address. I don't know of any other fees here besides those I am giving you for the entire school year. I believe I have answered all other questions. I didn't see any other extraordinary happening here, besides my ordination. May be Father Kevin Kirley would know better than I in this regard.

You asked for the list of precedence; I do not know exactly to what you refer here. If you would like the one for the Basilians now alive, I could give it to you. But if you means the Basilians from the beginning on, I won't be able to supply the information. You know Father Roume controls this department and I really insist on the word "controls". It may be that a letter from you to him would be the best thing to do.

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There were also other details I would have liked to give. For instance who was the last Basilian to be ordained to the priesthood in the chapel of the school. No one could give me the information, not even Father Mazet. The only possible source would be the archives and I couldn't get in touch with Father Roume lately. Also you might like to have a detailed list of teachers here: how many, what each one teaches, how many are retired, how many leaymen we have.

Today I have been looking through what I did during my last year before going to the Novitiate. Confreres are all excited about Jacques Deglesne, especially Father Pouzol. During the last two terms of the school year 1955-1956 we took some theology; Jacques taking more than I, during the periods I was busy studying and finishing my philosophy. You see Jacques couldn't finish it within two school years (he began in Oct. 1953) with all the misfortunes he had in his family. He finished only in January 1956. By this time (Jan. 1956) I had but one course to take in Philosophy. I took it in the morning while Jacques took "Moral" with Father Roume. Together we took Scripture, History of the Church, Canon Law and Apologetics (this from January through June 1956). Now I am mentioning this to you knowing that it is none of my business to talk about it.

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I do it since the priests came in my room today about it. It may be that having known both systems I may a bit clearer about it.

I have given you the list of what Jacques took at the Seminary in Toronto, i.e. two complete years. With what he took and will take in Paris he will have four complete years of theology by June 1963, without counting what was taken previous to the Novitiate. Now I don't see the use of asking what he took before departing for Canada since we took again most of those courses in 1st year at the Seminary.

The only point for all this could come if Jacques were not being credit for the term he did in the summer of 1961. That he would not be given credit would seem most extraordinary (to me and the confreres) due to the fact that he was coming from Algeria. Allu such seminarians have been in the same boat and have benefitted from such allowances given the long time they had had to spend in the army. This is why we have here in the French Seminaries ordinations all throughout the school year.

I also indicate to you the fact regarding The Basilian Newsletter. I would be grateful to you, Father, if you could do something about it. Day after day I am getting used to the house. There are many areas on which work could be done:

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Sunday work for instance, also we do not have what I call a house library; we have books which might be good for the Seminary or the Institute but which are useless, to my mind, for a local house. Moreover there is no budget for such a thing.

Since September 21st, we are working pretty hard. Our boarders give us lots of work. This is especially true with the French system which requires your presence with the boys at every moment of the day and of the night.

I have mentionned also the repairs done in the house. There is a tremendous amount to be done and millions of francs needed to do it. This is certainly the reason why French Basilians are reluctant to travel to Canada to visit the Order. They imagine that the \$1,000 for a summer trip would be a real waste when there is such a tremendous demand for money in the house here. They understand a Canadian or American should go back home. They even advocate he should be sent home every two years. For they, French Basilians, they consider such a trip a waste. They do not speak the language, and the experience of those who visited North America, have led them to believe that after two weeks you are anxious to get back home. Of course, not to know the language is a big barrier. Of course, all this has a great diasad-

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vantage, namely to isolate a house and to reduce the size of the community to the walls of the loca house.

Regarding vocations, the situation has improved a great deal. Three boys have come to see Father Robert to tell him their desire to join us. All are between 16 and 18 years of age and will be finishing high school between June 1963 and June 1965. There is also a change regarding parents. I have met parents anxious to see their son join us; this is indeed new.

Well I believe to have talked long enough today. I won't have time to read over this letter. Would you please excuse my many mistakes. I hope to get a letter from you soon, Father. May God bless our entire Congregation and your work. My best regards to the confreres at the Curial House.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Michel Deglène, C.S.B.

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Michel Deglène
October 8, 1962

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
October 8th, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

This is just a short note. I now realize I made a mistake in the report I sent last week. I indicated Fathers Mazet and Epitalon celebrated their 51st and 53rd anniversary. In fact it is 61st and 63rd anniversary. I suppose you had already noticed the mistake.

I hope everything is fine.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord.

Michel Deglène, C.S.B.

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Michel Deglène
April 10, 1963

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
April 10, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

I thought I could write you much sooner but in fact I didn't find enough time during the school term. We are now on holidays and I am then able to answer your letter. I will also give you some news from here.

First, I was pleased to hear from you, and the many things you told me about Toronto, the high school and the seminary. I was glad to get the obituary list; it is just too bad that there are so many mistakes, but it seems to be impossible to do such a job perfectly at first. The next edition will be better. You were talking to me about The Basilian Teacher. I don't know the reason but I am not getting the magazine anymore, but I saw the one with the two numbers put under the same booklet in Father Beaune's room.

In Canada, too, there must have been lots of excitement with the elections. Here there were several reports on the French T.V. on the country, its problems and what the new elections meant for Canada. Today there is a long report in the paper to explain how the opposition Pearson met in Ontario prevented him from getting the absolute majority.

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I don't know if I should talk about appointments; it is already an old affair almost forgotten by each one now. We saw that in general only few changes had been made. As for Annonay there were many Basilians not happy at all; as a matter of fact they all seemed surprised. Father Beaune was the only Basilian left from abroad who had a double influence, in particular a spiritual one. Father Charles Principe is an excellent teacher who is doing very well with the seniors but who does not have much activity outside his classes. The best which can be said about Father Ritz is that he does seem much accustomed to the place. Of course the idea that he will stay in Annonay only two years does not help on this point. In conclusion then, we will miss Father Beaune quite a bit. Lots of priests used to come to him when they wanted something done because he was quiet and calm he was listened at.

Father Ritz was sick for a long time. He had caught some kind of a pleuresy and this was not a surprise for us all, since he looked at the cold winter with a complete disdain. Saying his office daily outside without a coat on when the thermometer shows 15 below is not exactly the prudent thin. Anyhow he was off work for five weeks which meant I had to teach ten periods a week plus all my supervising. Around the middle of March I was exhausted. I had to see the

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doctor because of stomach pains and now that I have absorbed shots and pills, things are better.

The winter in Annonay was really hard on us all. I don't think the outside temperature would have been considered exceptional by a Canadian, but the fact is that our old building with its poor heating system couldn't take such a winter. I really froze for weeks, and the winter is not quite over since we have rarely seen the sun so far.

As for my work as a prefect, I am quite happy. I am now used to the boys and I think they are used to me. I have the Juniors' section which comprises 123 boys. They are now on holidays until April 17. We are expecting the younger scholastics from Paris. They should arrive on Easter Monday. We hope Father Wey will be here soon.

Well, Father Scollard, this is about all for today. I wish I will hear from you soon. May God bless you and your work.

Yours in Christ,

Michel Deglène, C.S.B.

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)

Dear Father Scollard,

I am sending to you the information about the house for the Basilian Annals. You may take whatever is needed for this purpose.

School has started once again. I have 132 juniors and this is quite a bit. The beginning was rather hard: several kids couldn't get used to their new life as boarders. One escaped but was brought back. On the second day I was most of the day in the hospital. One kid ran through the glass of a window and a second one didn't see a wall! We had some with the flu. Three teachers have been in bed so far! As a matter of fact it is rather cold inside the house.

I hope everything is fine at the curial house as well as in the other Basilian houses. May God bless you, your work and our entire Congregation.

I remain sincerely yours

Michel Deglène, C.S.B.

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Patrick J. Gallagher
September 17, 1962

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St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan
1437 College Drive
Saskatoon, Sask.
Sept. 17, 1962

Dear Father Scollard,

We are settling into our year of work without many insurmountable difficulties. Half of our staff of fourteen <at St. Paul's High School> is new to this school. Some of the gaps are not easy to fill, but we have some fine and eager new men to work with too. With God's help we shall survive. College registration is taking place now. In a few days Father Paul Mallon will have some figures ready for you, I suppose.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pat Gallagher, C.S.B.

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Joseph T. Muckle
January 1, 1963

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1652 Madison Street, Apt. 4
Hollywood, Fla.
January 1, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Tahnk you for your letter and inclosure. I moved up here December 7 and did not find the last number of the Annals so perhaps if it is not too inconvenient, you had better send me one. I am very well and have stood up under the Christmas and New Year's work very well. After this week with First Friday, the work at the Church will drop back to normal. Miss Watkins arrived Dec. 7 and is looking after me very well indeed. I hear Father Leonard Rush had quite a serious coronary. He has spent a lot of time in the hospital the past year and seems to me to be breaking up. I had a letter from Father Oliver and a note from Father Carr. They report everybody well in Vancouver. It seems that they dropped Father Garvey off the philosophy staff. That may be temporary but if it is to be indefinite, he probably will not be left there. He is too valuable a man just to be trying to find something out there to teach. I imagine they miss President McKenzie on the Senate and that the head of the department and the two fallen away Catholics have their way.

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Kindest regards to Father Wey, Father
Hubert Coughlin and to all the other
members in the house.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

J.T. Muckle, C.S.B.

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posited in the general archives of the
Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Joseph T. Muckle
January 17, 1963

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1652 Madison St., Apt. 4
Hollywood, Fla.
January 17, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks very much for your note and inclosures. In my last letter I suggested sending me another copy of your Annals as I am convinced the first one is lost. I am glad to hear that everybody is keeping fairly well. I imagine Father Wey will soon be leaving for Europe if he has not already done so. I hope he does not find the weather in Rome at this time of the year, too trying.

I had a cold for over a week recently due to the inclement weather we were having. It has warmed up now, with lots of sunshine and my cold is very much better. I cough a great deal when I get a cold due to an attack of bronchiactasis. I usually have a cold at this time of the year. When I was in Toronot I usually was in bed and sometimes in the hospital.

I hope that all the confreres get through the winter with no serious sickness. I had a letter from Father Oliver who reports that everybody out there, and especially, Father Carr, are well.

Yours in Christ,

J.T. Muckle, CSB

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January 17, 1963

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P.S. I just got the Annals. Thanks.

J.T.M.

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Joseph T. Muckle
March 12, 1963

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1652 Maidson St., Apt. 4
Hollywood, Fla.
March 12, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for your last two letters. First of all, my Celebret expries April 1. Will you please have Father Wey or Father Coughlin send me an extension. It takes several days to get faculties from the Chancery Office, so I should like to get it as soon as convenient.

I hope that Larry Lynch is all better. I have heard nothing about him since your letter of January 5. I hear that Father Rush went to Texas for a rest. He must have got a fairly severe attack. Likely his days of teaching are over. Father John Onorato was down at the Beach for two weeks about a month ago. His two sisters flew down from Rochester to look after him. Apparently, he had been suffering quite a bit of pain resulting from his operation of last December. Personally I doubt that the doctors got all of the cancer form his intestines. He does not look or act at all rugged and slept a good deal of the time he was here. I had a letter from Archbishop Flahiff yesterday. He was just about to leave for Winnipeg by the straight flight, changing planes in

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Montreal and Chicago. He wrote that Father Vincent Kennedy was in the hospital for a short stay with a bleeding ulcer, but he was just about to leave the hospital. I am surprised that Father Albert Hurley is still living on. He would be by far the oldest Basilian if he had not withdrawn. He was always nursing his health as a young man.

I suppose that the list of appointments for next year is more or less of an estimate to enable Superiors to know how many Basilians they can count on for next year. I was somewhat surprised at Father Dore's appointment but he certainly should be able to fill the bill there and the change in climate should prove beneficial. It is drier although cooler than Toronto, but what is becoming of the Brothers' establishment there. I don't think they have been teaching philosophy since Brother Philip left. Before too long I shall write you what I recall of Fathers Fuma, Hayes, Costello and Shaughnessy.

Bishop Smith of Pembroke was down with several of his priests for a month. He dinner with me several times as his stomach was bothering him and he could not get a proper diet in a restaurant. Kindest regards to all.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

J.T. Muckle, C.S.B.

P.M. I had a good winter in general.

Leo V. McGrady
April 29, 1963

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St. Michael's College School
1515 Bathurst Street
(at St. Clair Avenue)
Toronto 10, Canada
April 29, 1963

Dear Father Scollard:

Enclosed is the funeral notice of Michael Costello, brother of the late Father John Costello, C.S.B.

Sincerely

Leo McGrady, C.S.B.

COSTELLO, Michael—Suddenly at 1516 Columbus Ave., Waco, Texas, on Sat. April 27, 1963, Michael Costello, husband of the late Anne Gafney, brother of Nell of Toronto and Cyril of Waco. Funeral Mass Tues. morning at Waco, Texas.

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Rudolph S. Diemer
May 10, 1963

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Ste. Anne's Church
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan
May 10, 1963.

Dear Bob,

I got your very welcome letter today. Thanks for all the news, as we don't get to hear much from the Community's headquarters. We are like Marty O'Toole, here at Ste. Anne's; no one ever tells us any thing.

I am glad you like the little card I had made. Also, I am getting some Christmas cards with the same cut (except larger, natch) in hopes that we will be able to sell some of them in our store, especially during the Grand Novena. I got these little ones especially to leave at Motels, etc. in the district. We have left some at four different places and they seem glad to get them. If it brings us even a few more customers once in a while, they will pay for themselves.

It is encouraging to hear that we have eight prospects for next year, even at this early date. Father Stan Lynch was here today. They still have 24 novices at Pontiac. We had some very hot weather, but oh Boy! what a change tonight. Detroit is playing Cleveland tonight and they just announced the temperature at the ball park — 36 degrees. I sent

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Wally Platt some Mass intentions and he wrote that Father Wey was there then. Father Ralph Koehler is getting ready for his takeoff next Monday. Matt Killoran is in good shape. He is presently looking after our parish Archdiocesan Development Fund campaign. Then he will get busy on the preliminaries connected with our July Novena. Father John J. O'Keefe, Paulist, from their Detroit house, is going to be the preacher. Bert Morrissey is in good shape and sure enjoys getting behind the wheel and driving — anywhere at all. Father Pacher is well; he doesn't complain about his health and he eats well. Cy Howard is still convalescing, but is all right.

I am pleased to hear that T.A. MacDonald is doing better. Frank Mallon was here a week ago and he said T.A. was not so well then. Si Perdue must be in pretty good shape again. He will enjoy his blossom outing because he always likes to go with Gerry Anglin. Is Father La-jeunesse back home yet? It is good to hear that the news about Leo McGrady is so encouraging. I guess they don't have any hopes for John Onorato. Doggone it! that great novitiate year of mine is beginning to get thinned out. We may even have a visit from Basil Sullivan; perhaps on his way back to Saskatoon??

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May 10, 1963

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We are having a French Church Music program being put on in our church on Sunday, May 26, at 4:00 p.m. It is being rendered by the Wayne State University Choral Union and University Singers, under the baton of Malcolm Johns. It promises to be quite a do. I'll try to remember to give you more re this post factum.

Well, Bob, I think I am running out of news. If you get this way drop in. We'll get some ice cream. Bye-bye, and God bless! Best regards to the confreres.

Your confrere,

Rudy

(Letter from Father Rudolph Diemer to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Rudolph S. Diemer
August 23, 1963

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Dear Bob,

Please find a copy of the sermon which I delivered at Charlie Kelly's funeral on Aug. 16/63.

Matt is on vacation right at the present, but will be back the first week of September. I suppose that the traveller of my staff, Ralph Koehler, will be here around the middle of next month. All the rest seem to be in good health. Bert Morrissey should return today after his vacation. Henry Bravo will leave next week for the South, so we'll still be on a 4-man staff for a while. When all gets settled and all my boys are here, I'll start to think about taking some time off myself. How is Bob Fischette feeling?

So, you won't be taking anyone from me for Assumption? They'll miss Charlie over there. The heating conversion project is almost completed. Soon the new school year will start. We'll have three new nuns on our staff. If you want Matt Killoran to write an obit for Charlie Kelly, why don't you drop him a line? He could do a good job of it, if he would. Bye, and God bless!

Rudy

(Letter from Father Rudolph Diemer to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Albert F. Butler
June 24, 1963

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Room 323 Dillon Hall
Notre Dame University
Notre Dame, Indiana.

Dear Father,

I think I am settled here now after the customary confusion of the first few days. There are nine Basilians here in all and we are all in the same residence but in about three different sections. John Farrell and Gerard McGinn are near me. Jim Burns and Larry Galla, Len Thompson and Bob McKinnon are in another section and Jim Jordan and Charlie Christopher are in still another.

I helped out in Gary yesterday and heard about Cy Bergeron. I didn't know he was in such bad shape. My course in chemistry is very heavy. It will take plenty of work and time to get by this one. So back to the books. We'll be here until August 2, and would appreciate any news releases.

Sincerely in Our Lord

Al Butler

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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Ronald S. Pazik
June 1963

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Ciudad Universitaria
Biblioteca - Library
Mexico, D.F. Mexico

Dear Father Scollard

Spent Friday with Basilians at San Juan
Crisóstomo, Villa de San Juan de Aragón.
They are hard working men.

How would you like a building like this
one for a library?

After June 8th I can be reached at the:
Embajado de los Estados Unidos, Lafragua
18.

Will say Mass Sunday at St. John Chrys-
ostom.

Ron.

(Postcard with picture of the University
of Mexico Library sent by Father Ronald
Pazik to Father Robert Scollard. Trans-
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the general archives of the Basilian
Fathers, Toronto.)

Vincent L. Kennedy
January 25, 1963

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Pensionato Romano
Via Traspontina 18
Rome 6.
Jan. 25, 1963.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for your letter. I shall apply at once for the first group for the "Papal Blessing". The others can wait until March. I shall have to get some funds from the general treasury before I ask for them. Now that I am paying about one hundred a month for my living here it is surprising how my bank account goes down, and that does not take in laundry which costs me about two dollars a week. Just for your records and in case something should happen to me, make a note: I have a bank account at the Banco de Roma, No. 4 on the Via della Conciliazione and the number of the account is 6713.

I begin my lectures at Regina Mundi Institute on February 19th. So far I have not received any pay for the lectures at the Pont. Istituto di Arch. No doubt my pay from both places will be sufficient to pay for one month's board and room. No one gets rich by working for the Vatican, especially as a special lecturer.

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Rome is very quiet these days with the bishops away, but it is also very cold. The papers are featuring pictures of the fountains with icicles. It has not happened in years. But we are lucky. No snow. The center and the north of Italy are snowbound. The canals at Venice are frozen. It is the worst winter in years. Personally I wear two sweaters and it is a real experience to say Mass in the morning at S. Maria in Traspontina. The chalice would freeze if I took more than 25 minutes to say Mass.

I shall go to the Sacred Congregation of Rites next week re the Basilian Kalendar.

Regards,

V.L. Kennedy.

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Vincent L. Kennedy
January 30, 1963

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Pensionato Romano
Via Traspontina 18
Rome 6.
January 30, 1963

Dear Father Scollard:

I sent you this morning by airmail the rescripts for the Papal Blessing for Charlie Leland, Matt Killoran, Joe Courtney and George Kosicki. My friend Mons. D'Acola put them thru in one day and delivered them to the house.

Mons. Giovanni Papa — not Papa Giovanni — brought back today the answers to my questions from the Congregation of Rites.

1. St. Basil is our principal patron and titular; with the right to a First class feast.
2. We cannot have the feast of the Presentation as secondary patron. The Blessed Virgin can never be a secondary patron. However the ruling is that we can make her also a principal patron and celebrate such a feast on Nov. 21st. Have the date right? It would be First Class.
3. Here comes the most important part. Since we want to follow the calendar of the Universal Church all feasts of

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regions and dioceses, excepting of course the Dedication of the Cathedral and National Patron are facultative for us. We do not have to celebrate them; but if our houses in Canada, for example, want to celebrate the Canadian Martyrs we can do so. Or if the Texas houses want the feast of NS of Guadalupe, they can do so. If the French want St. Joan of Arc and Francis Régis, they can have them. But we must indicate them in a supplement to the Calendar of the universal church.

I hope this is clear and that you and your committee can now proceed to draw up the Ordo.

I really think my living at the Pensionato Romano is paying off. I could never get such service if I did not know these men personally.

Note that those rescripts are for five years but do not be fooled by the figures on the back. I paid out a total of 7,500 lire for them which is a lot more than just \$2.00 each. I have the other lists on file and will apply for the rescripts early in March. Any news about Father Wey's trip to Europe? Archbishop Flahiff wrote me that he might have to come back earlier than he expected. I hope it is not too soon; he sure would not enjoy this Roman weather.

Best regards,

V.L. Kennedy.



Vincent L. Kennedy
March 7, 1963

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Pensionato Romano
Via Traspontina 18
Rome 6
March 7, 1963

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for the various items. Archbishop Flahiff had already left Rome when they arrived. He was here just two weeks. You sure got your way on getting out appointments early in the year. Is this just a trial balloon or does the Superior General have to withstand all the pressures that may be brought to bear from now to September?

I got started at my lectures at the Pont. Istituto Arch. Cris. but had a bit of ulcer trouble and had to spend a week in Salvador Mundi Hospital; am OK again and resume work tomorrow.

I am sending on the tw rescripts by separate mail to Father Wey. Confidentially and all that, can you give me any news of the prospective visit of the Superior General to Europe? He did not say a word about it in his last letter to me.

Sincerely,

V.L. Kennedy.

P.S. For the curia only. Most of the

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March 7, 1963

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commissions have finished their work for the time being. Just as an example of what is happening, the Commission for Religious cut their report from 160 pages to 32. The theology crowd are in real trouble ...

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Vincent L. Kennedy
April 16, 1963

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Pensionato Romano
Via Traspontina 18
Rome 6
April 16/63

Dear Father Scollard:

The material for the Sacred Congregation of Rites arrived. I shall present it next week. Nobody is working in Rome this week but me. I am cleaning up the final proofs and the Indices for the reprint of my Saints of the Canon of the Mass. Hope to have it out by June. It is now at least six months since they started printing.

Easter was a perfect day in Rome and half a million people tried to get into the Piazza S. Pietro for the Pope's blessing. I never saw such a traffic jam. Cars and busses were backed up for miles. How they ever cleared it is still a mystery to me. In the meantime our four visitors from Paris, Bill Irwin and myself walked about two miles to the famous Alfredo's restaurant where we had a fine dinner from fettucini to caffe espresso. It cost me well over \$30. That represents ten hours of lectures at Regina Mundi and/or six hours at the Istituto. However the Basilian reunion was a great success and the boys really enjoyed it. They are well but Sam Femiano looks very thin. They are

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having quite a tour with a French University group who have their own train! They had a special audience with the Holy Father after assisting at Matins and Lauds on Saturday in the Sistine Chapel. They said the office in French; that is really something for Rome. I rather think that some of my friends at the Sacred Congregation of Rites would say it was invalid! Keep me informed about the Superior General's trip. I never heard if he got the two dispensations I sent him. He is not the world's best correspondent.

Regards,

V.L. Kennedy.

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Vincent L. Kennedy
May 20, 1963

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Basilian Fathers
Procurator General
Via della Trspontina, 18
Roma 6
May 20, 1963

Dear Father Scollard:

There is now in existence a document called: *Calendarium Perpetuum in usum Congregationis Sacerdotum S. Basilii a S.C. Rituum approbatum die 27 mensis Aprilii anno 1963* with a rescript of the same date signed by Cardinal Laraonna, prefect and H. Dante, Secr. No. C59/1963.

It arrived by mail just one hour after Father Wey left for Naples. Since it is a document of 50 pages plus the rescript and is of such importance I think I better keep it and bring it home myself; it is about 14 x 10 inches in size. The only difference from the Calendar of the Universal church is that it raises the feast of St. Basil to 1st class. The rescript has the phrase: *servatis de cetero rubricis, praesertim quoad festa Dedicationis et Titulie ecclesiarum nec non Patronorum cuiusque loci*. The cost: 5,000 lire, exactly what I get for a lecture at the Pont. Istituto Arch. Cris.

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May 20, 1963

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Father Wey seems to have enjoyed his visit to Rome. He saw the Pope in a public audience; there was no chance of a private audience. Cardinal Valeri was out of town recovering from an operation; but the Superior General had a half hour with Archbishop Philippe, and saw Father Bolduc, C.S.V., and Father Heston, C.S.C., on a couple of cases which were bothering him. We visited the Generalate of the Holy Cross Fathers and the new generalate of the Viatorians; went to a dinner at the Canadian College in honor of Cardinal Leger. Cardinals Bea and Marella were there. We also toured the Alban Hills including Father Lombardi's Institute for a better world. So he did pretty well in five days.

Best regards to all,

V.L. Kennedy

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Vincent L. Kennedy
June 21, 1963

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Pensionato Romano
Via Traspontina 18
Rome 6
June 21, 1963

Dear Father Scollard:

The appointments arrived on the 14th. So far no requests for idspensations. I am working on the Statutes of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies along with Mons. Romeo at the Sacred Congregation of Studies but expect to finish that by next Tuesday. I have a reservation for July 5th on the Canadian Pacific Airlines, Rome to Montreal-Toronto, and should be at Malton about 6.30 p.m. but am not asking anyone to meet me as the time is too awkward. I finished ath Pont. Istituto Arch. Cris. on Tuesday with the last of the exams. The second edition of the Saints of the Canon of the Mass is out; I have a copy on my desk.

Owen Lee is here with me at the moment. Bob Montague is around some place and I believe Moe Taylor is due next week. They can tour Rome on their own.

We are all waiting for the white smoke. After four ballots yesterday, there seems to be deadlock between Cardinals Siri and Montini. If this continues today, they will look for a compromise candidate.

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June 21, 1963

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Later. I spoke too soon. Father Wey's letter just arrived asking for dispensations for three novices and secularization for Peter Mackert. That gives me plenty of time. Tell him his material is OK.

Sincerely in Christo,

V.L. Kennedy

12.00 noon: Montini did it. We now have a Pope who has visited the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies and who talks English.

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Vincent L. Kennedy
September 20, 1963

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Pensionato Romano
Via Traspontina, 18
Rome 6
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Dear Father Scollard:

You can report to the Curia that I arrived at the Roman airport this AM at 7.30. The flight from Ontreal took exactly seven and one half hours. It was the most restful trip that I have had from West to East. There were exactly 20 passengers in a plane built for 120 so we all had a three place bed and were able to get a few hours sleep. They called us for breakfast at 1:00 a.m. (6.00 a.m. Roman time).

The Pensionato is semi-deserted and is undergoing extensive repairs, even the dining room is being remodelled. Only about half of the regulars are present.

My friend and table companion, Mons. Limongi has been appointed Nuntio to Costa-Rica, the banana republic and is to be consecrated Archbishop on October 20 by Pope Paul in St. Peter's.

My desk here was piled with mail, most of it ended in the waste-paper basket. A few things require attention, e.g. the proofs from the Annuario Pontificio on our listing. More important was a notice



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of a meeting of the Roman Union of Superiors General on September 25 to discuss certain propositions that have been proposed for action by the Ecumenical Council on the relations of Ordinaries and Religious, especially in regard to parishes. One proposal, will, I am sure interest the Council, viz that religious shall not alienate property nor go into debt without the consent of the Ordinary. I shall be at the meeting.

Rome is very warm. It must be 90 today. I talked to the Secretary of Pont. Istituto Crist. Arch. today. No appointment has yet been made by the Sacred Congregation of University Studies to fill the chair of Dom Mohlberg. No hurry! Classes do not start for three weeks.

Regards,

V.L. Kennedy.

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Vincent L. Kennedy
November 25, 1963

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Basilian Fathers
Procurator General
Via della Traspontina, 18
Roma 6
Nov. 25/63.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for all your letters and documents, e.g. the Annals, Newsletters, etc. I have been rather busy with the preparation of lectures at the Pont. Istituto Arch.Cris. My appointment as Extraordinary Professor received the Nihil Obstat of the Sacred Congregation of University Studies this past week. They finally got things done in Rome but time means nothing. In the meantime I have been 'professing' since November 5th.

I will go into that question of the supplement to the Ordo when I see you at Xmas. I think I can work out something with the Vincentians' Edizione Liturgiche.

Rome is very much in mourning for John Kennedy. There is an official requiem for him at the Lateran Basilica today at 5 p.m. The Carmelites asked me to celebrate the Mass in Santa Maria in Traspontina at 6.30 p.m. this evening for my 'parente'.

I haven't seen Archbishop Flahiff in two weeks. Every time I phone he is out.

Vincent L. Kennedy
November 25, 1963

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A week ago I had to get in touch with him on a business matter; I finally sent him an Espresso — a special delivery letter.

Would you please take care of the enclosed subscription to the London edition of the Globe and Mail for six months. There is too much red tape at the bank here for paying a bill in dollars. Thanks and best regards to all.

V.L.K.

(Letter from Father Vincent Kennedy.
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Vincent L. Kennedy
December 11, 1963

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Pensionato Romano
Via Traspontina, 18
Rome 6
Dec. 11/63

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for your letter and the details about Father Henry Carr's funeral. I noticed that there was no mention of Cardinal McGuigan being there. He was certainly in Toronto that day as he left here the previous Saturday,

Archbishop Flahiff left for Paris yesterday where he is to ordain Ulysse Paré deacon. He does not expect to stop over in Toronto. He had gone to Assisi for a couple of days and had tried to reach me by phone on Sunday but had no luck. So he called on Monday at 1 p.m., just fifteen minutes before his departure for Paris.

I am now due to fly to Toronto on Saturday 21st, by Alitalia and Trans Canada, and should arrive in Toronto sometime Saturday evening — unless we are detoured by weather to Boston as happened last year. I have no answer from Dr. Bill Callahan so I assume he is prepared to go ahead with the operation, as I suggested, a day or two after Christmas.

I asked my friend at the Sacred Penitentiary if the new faculties to Bishops



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December 11, 1963

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would cover our requests for blessings of Rosaries and the Papal Blessing. The answer was definitively in the negative. We shall still have to apply to Rome. I suspect the same will be true for the Sacred Congregation of Religious and the Holy Office. I am convinced that not even Paul VI can reform the Curia.

The cold weather has come to Rome. It was one degree above freezing last night, but it is not raining like last year.

Sorry I will miss Father Wey but give him my regards for a pleasant Christmas and ask him to have Father Coughlin prepare a list of the dispensations we need for borrowing, etc.

Best regards to all,

V.L. Kennedy.

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Hugh J. Haffey
August 7, 1963

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas
Aug 7/63

Dear Bob -

You were so very kind to come over to my sister's funeral at St. Catharines. I and the whol family deeply appreciated it.

Many fratres here are in absentia. Gerry Pilecki makes a pleasant housemate. The scholastics are back eating supper in the cafeteria. Larry Lacey is away at St. Anne's. Marty O'Toole also. Was there Sunday for breakfast coming back from Sunday work. Walter Sullivan looks good. Will see John Onorato this week at Angleton. Frank Lyons told me that Johnnie looks awful, is almost too weak to converse.

The new bishop (Morkovsky) is tossing trination, night Masses (also for weddings and funerals) privileges all over the place. He bought a new house on South Street (not Rochester) and is in St. Anne's Parish which means if he's stuck our Lawrence Lacey can dispense him.

Thanks again, Bob,

Hugh Haffey

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

James N. Carruthers
July 8, 1963

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Maison Saint-Basile
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)
July 8, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Just a note to thank you for the clergy passes which arrived this morning. There was a possibility that we would be met in Montreal but that seems to have fallen through. Everything is arranged for our return trip and I'm looking forward to the five days on the high seas. Say an extra prayer for us because the boat we are taking (the Homeric) lost its propeller a couple of months ago during one of its crossings and they barely made it back to port. Father Wallace Platt thought that it was a riot but somehow I don't see the joke.

Our numbers are reduced to four on Max-Robespierre but that changes daily. Father Stan Murphy just left us Saturday for England. Fathers René Robert, Félix Pouzol and Charles Roume together with Father George Beaune were here for the weekend. They left for Marville this morning. Marville is the Army base where Father Beaune picks up his plane. Bud Paré and I are taking the train to Dijon tomorrow where we will meet Father Robert and Company and then go to Annonay with them. Ernie Vadnais and Rolly Gagnon

James N. Carruthers
July 8, 1963

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are already there and from what we hear Michel Deglène has them painting the shutters in the front of the building. Dick Allard and Norm Frenette are working hard but enjoying the courses at Strasbourg.

Father Sam Femiano and Jacques Deglesne are working very hard in their parishes. Both of their curés are on vacation so Sam and Jacques are replacing them. Sam is praying hard that no one will die because he isn't quite sure what to do. He gave his first French sermon yesterday and no one walked out on him so he considered it a success.

Thanks again for the passes and we will see you in Toronto in August.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jim Carruthers.

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Ulysse E. Paré
July 12, 1963

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 12 juillet, 1963.

Dear Father Scollard,

As the letterhead indicates I'm down here with the French confreres for a few days. Jim Carruthers and Ernie Vadnais are also here for a final visit before their return to the New World. Rolly Gagnon is here too. All seems well down in these parts although the house is considerably depopulated for the summer. They are of course inconsolable at having lost Father George Beaune. Michel Deglène is hard at work repairing the house and grounds along with a crew of students. Needless to say he's running all day long, but he's efficient and doing a good job. The others have taken up their summer hobbies, Father Fernand Geneston with his garden and Father Félix Pouzol with his mushroom rooms.

I shall only be here until Monday when I head north to Heidelberg. With the innumerable references at the Catholic Institute to Rahner, von Balthasar and Kittel, one is considerably handicapped by not knowing German. I hope to fill in part of that lacuna this summer. You have no doubt heard that Father Sam

Ulysse E. Paré
July 12, 1963

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Femiano missed his oral for the Licence. It's unfortunate but not tragic. He'll have another go at it in October. I'm sure he'll get it then. I'm happy to say that there's a new item to add to file "5319" I passed the 3rd year language exams giving me Diplomas in Hebrew and Biblical Greek from the Ecole de Langues Orientales Anciennes (a faculty of Catho). The diplomas could simplify things if I were to seek a licence in Scripture. There is a rumour that the Gregorianum and Biblicum are co-sponsoring a programme giving the S.T.D. and S.S.L. in three years after the S.T.L. I haven't been able to verify it, but it sounds excellent. Father Dan Donovan, who will visit us in September at Maison S-Basile is off to Rome precisely for an S.T.D. and S.S.L. combination. He will no doubt be able to give accurate information after reaching Rome. It may be just the thing I'm interested in (and which Father Wey approved, at least tentatively). However, before planning further I should concentrate on the S.T.L. Father Femiano's experience is sobering, but having been here two years and having taken care of the languages early, I should be in a better position. However, time will tell.

So far I've not found the breviary a burden in any sense. The subdiaconate in the Cathedral at Chartres was beautiful. I'm rather hoping that the diaconate might

Ulysse E. Paré
July 12, 1963

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be conferred by Archbishop George Flahiff en route for the Council. Father Wallace Platt said he would look into the possibility. I shall of course miss not being ordained with my class in Toronto but of course it would be foolish to let sentiment overrule common sense.

I hope this letter finds you well and no doubt proof-reading for the Annals?? (a little early no doubt, but on the other hand...) I invite you to envy use because we're having a mushroom omelette for lunch — with Father Pouzol's freshly picked mushrooms! Yesterday at lunch we had ice cream for dessert — no doubt that interests you much more.

My greetings to all the confreres (and of course respectful greetings to the Curia). As the French would say "Union de pirères".

In Christ,

Bud

P.S. We are longing for definitive statistics on the Novitiates. Reports over here range from 52 to 59 accepted postulants. We rely on your customary but astonishing efficiency.

(Letter from Father Ulysse Paré. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)



F. Michael Quealey
April 5, 1963

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St. Michael's College
Bay and St. Joseph Sts.
Toronto 5, Canada
April 5th, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Do you have any material in the community's archives concerning:

1) Archbishop John Walsh of Toronto, 1888-1898, any of his correspondence with Basilian superiors etc. re: the Manitoba School Question, the Irish Catholics of Ontario, contacts with French Canadian hierarchy on Liberal politicians.

2) Bishop Dennis O'Connor was in London in the 1890's. Do we have any of his papers?

3) Do you have any idea how extensive the correspondence between superiors, provincials and superior generals for this same period there might be in the archives at Annonay?

Also, Father, since I am taking Father Ignatius Eschmann's course in "Principles of Thomistic Ethics" as my "outside minor" for my doctoral program, is this sufficient to exempt me from the Junior Clergy Exams for this year? It happens that I have done most of the readings suggested for the exam while in 4th year theology

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last year. However, if I didn't have to write them this year it would be a big relief.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Quealey, CSB

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F. Michael Quealey
June 11, 1963

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St. Michael's College
Bay and St. Joseph Sts.
Toronto 5, Canada
June 11th, 1963.

Dear Father Scollard,

Enclosed you will find a transcript of Dave Clarke's marks to be included in his application for the Novitiate.

Thanks for that letter from Bishop Denis O'Connor. It pinpoints the importance of Archbishop Walsh very well. Apparently the "paper" (I'm afraid it ended up being 275 pages long) was well received. Professor Saywell gave me a 92 term mark for it.

When I get back from Columbia University in mid-August I would like to get together with you to discuss the possibilities of a project for which I would like to begin at least the remote preparation. It concerns Father Nicholas Roche who is a cousin on my mother's side. You may very well have already garnered most of the material on his life but since many of those who actually knew him are now dying off rather rapidly, I thought some careful interviewing now would pay off if it ever came to doing a biographical sketch. Perhaps you could suggest men in our community who would be worth contacting as well as laymen in places like Owen Sound who might still possess useful information.

Y^ours in Christ,

Mike Quealey, CSB

Norman H. Kolb
January 27, 1963

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Basilian Fathers
402 Augustine Street
Rochester 13, N.Y.
January 27, 1963.

Dear Father Scollard,

I have been meaning to write to you to compliment you on the fine work you did on the Calendar of deceased confreres ever since they appeared at our house but as usual my work has not permitted it until now. Of course now I have a double reason for writing since I received your envelope in the mail this past week. And so I not only compliment you on the fine printing et all, but I thank you very much for sending me a copy. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and do return the compliment. The confreres here have expressed a sincere gratitude and appreciation regarding this calendar and I want you to know that we all appreciate the work you did on it as well as the work the scholastics did too. The printing was excellent. Where, may I ask, did you have it done? Perhaps I wish you to answer, the Seminary, but I know the work is too good for the equipment they have at present. Please extend my congratulations to the printer.

I'm sure Father Michel Deglène will also be pleased with the calendar and he also has probably seen it by now.

Norman H. Kolb
January 27, 1963

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I received a letter from him recently and all goes well in Annonay.

As I told you at the Christmas Conference my teaching is going well and I enjoy it immensely. We have just finished Mid-year examinations and the results were very good indeed. I cannot wait to get back into the classroom though. Thanks again for your kind gift. I certainly do appreciate it.

Yours in Christ,

Norm Kolb.

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Paul T. Glynn
September 5, 1963

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Basilian Fathers
831 Broadview Avenue
Ottawa 3, Ontario
Sat. Sept. 5th

Dear Father:

I hope that this enclosure covers the situation. Any changes in telephone number and address, I have underlined. Notice that the school address is 881.

Our new addition is progressing well. The below-the-ground work has been completed, i.e. the frames and the cement for the foundation and it is now beginning to rise above the ground. We are all looking forward to our "entry".

Everyone is well and settled in for the year. Father Edward McMahon shot a 46 the other day. We don't speak to him any more.

Football situation is a bit bleak compared to last year's success. Therefore we are concentrating on developing virtue and character, as they say.

The Graduation has come and gone. Dr. Emmett O'Grady, University of Ottawa, gave a very fine talk. Bishop Windle couldn't distribute prizes, something came up at the last moment. Bishop Gallagher, the new Service Bishop,

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obliged us on a 1st minute notice.

Say hello to Bill O'Brien for me if you see him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pual.

(Letter from Father Paul Glynn to
Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed
from the original deposited in the
general archives of the Basilian
Fathers, Toronto)

David G. Heath
May 31, 1963

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Basilian Fathers
402 Augustine Street
Rochester 13, N.Y.
May 31, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for sending me Father Magee's
"Readings".

I leave Rochester June 7 for Bloomington. As a pioneer, I hope to attend Andrean's first graduation. Summer School starts the 12th but I have to be on Campus early to start arrangements for a Committee.

According to my advisor, I have twelve courses to complete, comprehensive exams and the thesis. I'll take three courses this summer.

Aquinas was blessed with some fine candidates for the Novitiate. Besides these, three are going to St. Andrew's, two to the Jesuits, one to the Irish Christian Brothers and one to the Consolata Fathers.

If you can tell at such an early date, next year's prospects look equally fine.

When the June appointment list comes out, I would appreciate being on the mailing list.

David G. Heath
May 31, 1963

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In Christ,

David Heath, CSB

Summer address:

803 Campus View House
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana.

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David G. Heath
June 26, 1963

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Indiana University
June 26, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for sending me the appointments and the sad news of Father Bergeron's death.

I have shared the news with Dick Kinsky. Dick is living on Campus at the Men's Graduate Center. We see each other at the parish each morning. We're planning to celebrate our anniversaries together Saturday at the local Hilton. There are six priests and two Jesuit scholastics on Campus this summer.

My courses range from very good to fair. The best course is "Supervision of Secondary School Instruction". "High School Curriculum" is good but the amount of library work is overwhelming. The University of Indiana's library is NOT air conditioned and the temperature here is in the 90's. My third course is only fair but a necessary and final hurdle for the Administrator's Certificate.

I haven't seen my advisor since the day I arrived, June 10th. There are over 3,000 summer school graduate students at School of Education. He promised to outline a program for me soon. However, getting to see him is like getting an

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appointment at the dentist. Father Louis Purcell wrote to me about Father Robert Fischette's heart attack. I hope it is not too serious. Give him my best.

In Christ,

Dave.

(Letter from Father David Heath.
Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Donald B. Beninger
January 29, 1963

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St. Mary's Church
Owen Sound, Ontario
Jan. 29, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very much for accepting our Knights of Columbus invitation to speak to them on the evening of February 25th, and your kind offer to help us on Sunday February 24th, which help will be very welcome. Father Clifford Crowley just gave me your letter, as I had given him your reply to mine, and then put off answering it until he would mention it again.

I see that you are behind on the news of our charges here. I have had Wiarton, Hepworth and Sisters' Confessions at Cape Croker since Joe Pope resigned from those jobs last May, added to my other jobs, even though I went to Meaford and Thornbury during July and August. I have been able to get to Hepworth and Wiarton every Sunday and Holyday for Mass, and a third Mass at Cape Croker on January 6th when Father Labelle, SJ, was away, also to Wiarton Public School for Religion Class every Wednesday morning, and then to Cape Croker for the Sisters' Confessions.

This has been a very busy time. The new envelopes came for the Sunday collection. Last week I had to find an extra about 60

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hours to put the names on them and mail them out to all our parishioners so they would have them in time for the first Sunday in February. This week I have to find another extra 60 hours to add up all the Offertory Collection cards, and send out about 600 receipts for income tax exemptions. It takes at least ten minutes to add the card, make out the receipt, and put it in the envelope, and put a stamp on it. So besides Sunday and Wednesday I don't have much time to see how deep the snow is getting.

You may talk as long as you like to the Knights. The talks are generally one half to three quarters of an hour, but just whatever you like will suit us.

Sincerely yours in Christ

D. Beninger, C.S.B.

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John P. Ruth
January 28, 1963

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St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester 18, New York
Monday, January 28, 1963.

Dear Bob:

I received your letter recently together with the document you wrote about James Leo Ruth. The probability that anyone will be digging up the story of my life or yours maybe, thirty years after we have died is pretty small. Of course I am pleased that you should remember him and I approved of what you have written excepting those remarks about his appearance or gait. I do not mean to say the statements are false, so leave them unchanged if you wish.

I am sure that I never told you that I had poetry which he had written; but I do have quite a number of letters, and notes that he made about his meditations during his novitiate year. I did read during these past few days considerable of this material. I am selecting a couple of short passages that might be suitable for your pruposes.

He writes in a letter dated August 19, 1934: "again our annual retreat has retreated into the past — but its effects will live on, we hope, into the future. We had ideal weather during the retreat

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and were given every opportunity to make it the best of our lives. The conferences were given by Father Edward Tighe, who was not only instructive, but very inspiring and admonishing. He is a great man for using illustrations and telling little stories in his talks, which were so interesting that they made everyone laugh but himself. Above all his conferences were practical and you didn't have to think long before you could apply them to your own case. I tried to make it the best retreat of my life and I hope my life will always reflect my thoughts and prayers during those days."

He is remembered for an expression he used in a talk to his fellow novices: "remeber you cannot remain where you are — you must either advance in perfection or you shall slide down the icy plank of sloth into hell".

Well Bob that's about it for this time.
God bless you.

John.

(Letter from Father John Peter Ruth to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Robert J. Madden
March 1, 1963

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11 Lansdowne Rd.
London W.11, England.
March 1

Dear Father Scollard,

All goes well. I have been meaning to drop you a line and thank you for your kindness in writing to me and sending along the various publications, but time grows shorter and the road ahead grows longer and, consequently, courtesy and expressions of gratitude have suffered.

I must confess that my injury was not brought on by the overly-vigorous sanctimonious exercise you suggest. I just don't know what did it — I wish I did, because, believe me, I would be darn sure never to do it again. Things are much better now and I am used to my "foundation garment"; with a bit of luck, I may be rid of the thing come Tuesday when I see the doctor. As it is now, the back gets pretty tired after the day sitting in the library, but, as my professor said, it is a good thing that I didn't choose to become a dock hand or a brewer's mate.

The Canadian election will be watched with interest over here; until the French got a bit narky about the common market, the U.S. was the big target; it

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was a relief to stand around and listen impartially to somebody else's country being criticized.

It sounds like the Congregation continues to grow without me, what with the new house of studies going up in Rochester and the opening of a new foundation in Alberta. Perhaps it would be better for the greatest number if I just stayed away?

I had a very pleasant trip to Annonay for Jacques Deglesne's ordination; it was a real break to get out of London for a while; but had I known what break was in store for me a few weeks after my return I would never have gone. Father Wallace Platt is well. We had three wonderful sessions about the Council, two with Archbishop Flahiff (the first time I have seen him since his appointment and consecration) and one with Bishop Nelligan. They both were most impressed with the spirit of unity and universality which they said was so evident.

I must be off again. Our weather is still quite cold, for here anyway, and the English await spring and the coming of the cuckoo with great longing indeed. Weather-wise, they have never had it so bad with snow drifts, towns cut off, roads blocked, trains stopped, pipes

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burst and now the flu is around and the melting snow brings danger of floods. And their economic problems are even worse.

My best to all — I long for the flesh-pots.

In Christ,

Bob Madden, C.S.B.

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Robert J. Madden
October 8, 1963

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11 Lansdowne Rd.
London, W.11, England
Oct. 8

Dear Father Scollard,

All goes well. I received your letter and am, "by return mail", answering your queries. I have my oral examination on the thesis on Monday at King's College, October 14. I sail on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16 and land in Montreal on Thurs. Oct. 24 and shall go right to Toronto — perhaps "someone" will let me go home for the weekend?

My thesis title is "Bishop Burnet as a Man of Letters". It is sure to set the academic world on fire — or back 50 years. I would prefer that you wait for final word as to the success or failure of the examination before tempting fate with an entry in such a timeless publication as the Annals. I shall cable Jack the results and he will contact you — white smoke or something might be the method. They tell me that the oral is usually a formality, but I know of three cases, one a Jesuit from California, who have not made it through this "formality" — so I ask the continuance of your prayers.

There is little one can for this exam except read through the thesis, which I find a crashing bore (as "We" say in England).

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At the moment I am in the midst of making sailing arrangements, getting vaccinated, reading, and generally being in a great state of flap. I trust that Father Robert Fischette has sent the funds I requested a while back; even with a London education I would not venture to walk 3000 miles on water.

My regards to all the confreres and an urgent request for prayers. Perhaps a failure would be good for me spiritually, but success would give me the opportunity to practice humility in the face of prosperity, which is harder than in the face of failure.

One last word of thanks for all the kindness you showed me during the past years by writing and sending along the newsletters. As regards your tenure of office as Secretary General I can only say with sincerity "Ad Multos Annos". God bless.

In Christ,

Bob Madden, C.S.B.

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Charles Roume
March 5, 1963

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 5 mars 1963

Cher Père Scollard,

Au reçu de votre lettre je me suis empressé de faire les recherches qu'elle me demandait. Malheureusement je n'ai pas trouvé de quoi satisfaire à la légitime curiosité qui était la vôtre. Voici tout ce que j'ai trouvé concernant les trois confrères dont vous me parlez.

FAMY. — Prénoms et date de naissance inconnus. Né à Saint-Champ, diocèse de Belley, département de l'Ain. D'abord séminariste à Alger, puis entré au noviciat de Privas.

Longues recherches avant de la faire ordonner, amis tous les témoignages étant favorables, l'évêque de Belley l'ordonne sous-diacre lui-même en 1860, et lui accorde ensuite son exeat. Mgr. Delcussy, évêque de Viviers, s'étant fracturé la jambe en décembre 1860 (Quatre-Temps de l'Avent). Pour la même raison il est ordonné prêtre à Lyon le samedi de Pentecôte, 24 mai 1861. Il faut inférer d'une lettre qu'il est encore alors au noviciat. Pourtant il n'est porté nulle part comme ayant fait des vœux. Je serais donc

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porté à croire qu'il est resté dans la Communauté en qualité de prêtre auxiliaire. Mais comme le registre du noviciat a disparu, et que peu après son ordination sacerdotale il est parti pour le Canada, je ne saurais rien affirmer avec certitude. En février 1864 il est vicaire à Owen Sound, avec le P. Cushing comme curé.

Faure, Charles-Joseph, né à Entre-Deux-Guiers (Isère) le 30 juillet 1818 (il est souvent donné comme né aux Echelles de France, qui ne forment qu'une seule agglomération avec Entre-Deux-Guiers, séparée seulement par le ruisseau de ce nom). Il est prêtre quand il entre au noviciat le 29 septembre 1855. Il a ceci de particulier qu'il le termine sans faire ses vœux, qu'il fera seulement le 31 août 1870.

MAZENOD, Jean-Claude-Marie, né le 11 novembre 1849 à Saint-Christo-en Jarez (Loire), diocèse de Lyon, profès le 18 mai 1877, prêtre le 18 septembre 1880. Décédé à Lyon le 27 novembre 1922.

Quant à Antoine-Hippolyte MAZENOD dont le nom figure sur une ancienne liste nécrologique, je pense qu'il s'agit d'une erreur de copiste, car je n'ai trouvé nulle part trace de lui. Il faut donc le rayer jusqu'à nouvel ordre de la liste des confrères, pour lui

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substituer Jean-Claude-Marie, les dates étant d'autre part concordantes.

Voici ce que je trouve dans le Journal du Collège à la date du 13/8/1862: "M. le supérieur arrive ce soir de Feyzin; il a fait ses adieux à nos deux confrères MM. Famy et Granottier, qui doivent s'embarquer le 15 août avec Mgr. Lynch, évêque de Toronto, sur le Léviathan, à Liverpool, pour le Canada. Ils sont prêtres, l'un et l'autre ..."

Je vous remercie pour les nouvelles que vous me donnez de Toronto. Nous attendons le P. Supérieur avec impatience: après un hiver long et rigoureux le printemps semble enfin arrivé. Dieu soit loué!

Je reste fidèlement vôtre in Xto

Ch. Roume, C.S.B.

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Charles Roume
September 23, 1963

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 23/9/1963

Cher Père Scollard,

Je vous remercie des bonnes nouvelles que vous me donnez. Nous espérons tous que le Père Fischette, en dépit de son travail absorbant et pénible, se remettre bientôt complètement.

Le P. Wey m'avait déjà suggéré d'aller passer quelque temps à Paris. Je comprends que ma présence puisse être utile en ce qui concerne le français; aussi je me propose de répondre sans tarder à cette invitation, et j'en profiterai pour faire des recherches aux Archives nationales. Vous voulez bien m'adresser des compliments pour le travail que j'ai fait; si j'ai rempli votre attente et celle des confrères, tant mieux.

J'aimerais que le P. Shook puisse lire le chapitre III de la troisième partie, et me soumettre au besoin les corrections qu'il croirait devoir y être apportées. Ce chapitre doit beaucoup à son Rapport de 1950, et si mon étude a pu bénéficier de l'apport d'autres documents découverts depuis, il reste que je carins d'avoir commis des erreurs, en particulier de topographie. Je l'en remercie d'avance.

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September 23, 1963

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Je profite de l'occasion qui m'est offerte de vous faire parvenir la 3^o page remaniée de la préface; elle est destinée à remplacer le texte que j'avais envoyé d'abord: un passage était en effet malencontreusement tombé dans ma première rédaction. Veuillez le remettre au R.P. Wey.

Je reste bien fidèlement vôtre en Xto.

Ch. Roume, C.S.B.

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Eugene A. Heyck
August 1, 1963

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Rome
August 1, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

The Vatican and St. Peter's are magnificent — everything that one pictures them to be and more. I said Mass this morning for the Community and the new House of Studies on the tomb of St. Pius X. Tomorrow morning, I will have the privilege of saying Mass at St. Peter's tomb. We have a general audience lined up for Saturday. The audiences are not very frequent under Paul.

London was delightful. Saw Westminster Cathedral (Catholic) and the Abbey, sat in Parliament gallery, visited Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace, listened to debates in Hyde Park, saw "Sound of Music" and "My Fair Lady". Scotland was damp and cold and the hotel keepers lived up to their reputation for thrift in the food and service. Germany was nice, clean, progressive. Switzerland also was nice and the scenery in the Alps is magnificent. Italy (except for Rome) is poor, very dirty, backward. The Florence churches were terribly dirty. I hated even to use the chalice and vestments.

I have a request. Please send the address and telephone number of our Paris house. I forgot to bring them with me. Also please ask John Gaughan for the

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latest progress report on the House of Studies in Rochester. Will we be able to move in on the 30th? My address in Paris will be: Royal Alma Hotel, 35 rue Jean-Goujon, Paris 8. At the bottom of the envelope mention: Member, Newman Club tour stopping Aug. 15-16.

Me Father Valentine McInnes, O.P., in Edinburgh. He is an Assumption grad from London, Ontario, now teaching in Minneapolis. We agreed to meet again in Rome and we had dinner together last night. He is travelling with his father.

Just can't wait to get my teeth into some bacon and eggs and toast again. The continental breakfasts get awfully dull — two dried out rolls, marmalade, butter, coffee with milk. That's it. Until Italy the other meals were good, but can't say much for any of the food here.

Please give my regards to the confreres.

Sincerely in Christ,

Gene.

(Letter from Father Eugene Heyck, posted from the Vatican City. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

Eugene A. Heyck
August 18, 1963

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Hotel Royal-Alma
35, rue Jean-Goujon
Paris 8
August 18, 1963.

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for your two letters with the appointments for the Rochester House of Studies and the address of the Paris house. I was there for dinner last night. There were only Father Dick Donovan and a couple of scholastics there. The house is very nice though I would imagine you would need several blankets in the winter as they said it was rather cold last year. You would have enjoyed the meal — we had home-made ice cream — known to us now as "gelati" from our stay in Italy.

I have enjoyed Paris. In addition to the most usual tourist places, I visited the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal where the medal was revealed to St. Catherine Labouré. Her body is preserved there as well as that of the canonized foundress of the Sisters of Charity. St. Vincent de Paul is preserved in a church about two blocks down the street.

Am looking forward to the restful ocean voyage to do some serious planning for the Rochester house. Hope the passage is smooth as was the eastbound trip. Please tell Johnny Gaughan that I hope

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to leave for Rochester on the afternoon of August 28 which is the day after my return to Toronto.

Wish you could see Lourdes. It was a real highlight of the trip, very devotional spirit about the place.

Sincerely,

Gene.

(Letter from Father Eugene Heyck, transcribed from the original deposited in the general achives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Eugene A. Heyck
September 10, 1963

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Basilian House of Studies
80 Fairport Rd.
East Rochester, New York 14445
September 10, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Our mail box is now instalkd and we are officially receiving mail at our new address. You will note our zip number is 14445. These numbers should appear after the state and without any commas before or within the number. St. John Fisher's number is 14618 and for Aquinas it is 14613. As yet, we have no telephone so I will have to send you that later.

We will be ready to receive 26 scholastics and 3 priests tomorrow, though the living conditions will be somewhat strained at first. Chapel and refectory facilities at the College will be utilized. Several rooms at one end of the second floor hall have been designated as Community Rooms.

Our own letterheads are on order and should be delivered next week. Will keep you informed for the Newsletter and Annals.

Sincerely in Christ,

Gene <Hecyk>

(Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Eugene A. Heyck
September 15, 1963

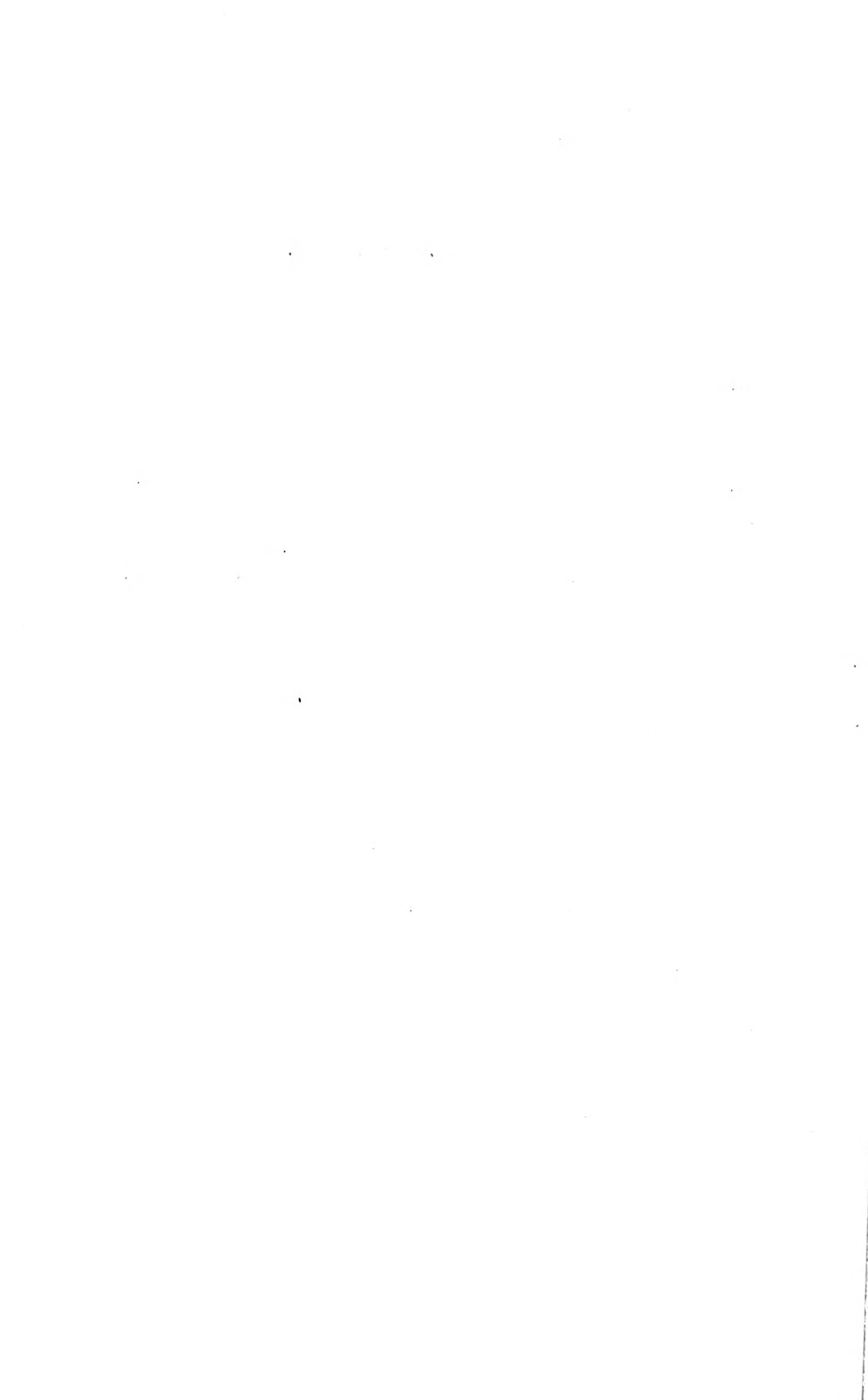
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80 Fairport Road,
East Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A.
September 15, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

It's a good thing Father T.A. MacDonald didn't see this stencilled address to me or you would never hear the end of it! However, all will be forgiven if it is corrected for future letters.

As you know, we moved in on the 11th. Many of us, including all the priests, were in temporary rooms as their final rooms were not ready. Since Wednesday, the contractors have finished all rooms except the washrooms and priests' bathrooms. The washrooms can be used and we have ingeniously devised temporary partitions between the toilets by taping sheets to the wall. The plastering is not finished in the priests' bathrooms which, in turn, has prevented the plumber from connecting the fixtures, so they are absolutely unusable. Fathers Wilfrid Sharpe and Alfred Graham have moved into their rooms and offices as the plasterer can approach their bathrooms from the adjoining guest room. I am not able to get into my office or room as the only entrance for the plasterer with all his materials would be through my quarters. We have hot water for washing, but no hot water yet in the heating system. That makes it a bit cool on these 36 degree mornings.



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We have permission for a temporary chapel in one of the rooms of the residence which will make it possible to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the House of Studies and also will provide a place for two rounds of Masses without adding to the altar list at St. John Fisher. We will have to borrow some vestments and linens until ours arrive. The greatest inconvenience is having to shuttle back and forth to the college for chapel and meals. We will certainly be glad when the other part of the building is finished. There is still no telephone. We will send you the number for the Annals just as soon as we get one assigned.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Gene

(Letter from Father Eugene Heyck.
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Matthew A. Killoran
April 24, 1963

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St. Anne's Society
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan
April 24, 1963.

Dear Bob:

Now that the difficult job of getting out the third quarterly report is over with I should have more time to write a few letters. That report is not too informative but I know that Father Rudolph Diemer can be trusted to give all the important details about the parish and confreres.

The Fathers are all well here. Father Cyril Howard seems to be getting back to normal again. Of course the long steps to our pulpit keeps him from preaching every Sunday. I guess he forgets that we have a loud speaker which could be used from the sanctuary. Father Florian Pacher is still able to take nourishment and is standing the strain well. His biggest trouble was ...

There is nothing new to tell about myself. I had a very fine stay with the brethern in Houston and the Missions. I gave a week to New Gulf and another to Sugar Land. I am not sure what I told them but they seemed to agree with me because most of them were nodding. Father Norman Murphy and Father Leo Adam

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and I went to New Orleans for a day and a night. It was very interesting. I saw the tree where Gabriel and Evangeline sat under and discussed the "ens a se" or "ipse esse subsistens". I forget which of them had the breath of a cow as Calipento told Father Wilfrid Dwyer in class one time.

All the Fathers are well and at all the houses except Father John Onorato. I saw him the day before his operation. After his operation they were not anxious for him to have visitors. Father Leonard Rush seemed quite at home with the confreres at St. Anne's. He seemed to be flying through the air with the greatest of ease. Father Francis Lyons has to be careful of his activities. He goes to bed at nine and takes as much rest as he can.

My brother in Belledune is not too well. He is healthy enough but has lost his memory. He is so absent minded that he forgets everyone's name. He can't remember mine though he knows all about you, etc. Last year he came up to Detroit to spend a month or so with his four daughters here in Detroit. We took him everywhere to try to get him interested in something. The only day he showed any interest was when I took him to Greenfield Village. He seemed to pick up and showed great interest as we looked at all the old plows, harrows, etc.

Matthew A. Killoran
April 24, 1963

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That night after we got back home one of his girls said, "Daddy what did you see when you were there?" He said, "Nothing but a pile of dam old junk." I don't know what in the Name of God he intends doing with it. Some of the stuff is older than the things we have in Belledune."

No doubt you are all ready for Strawberry Island. You should get up with the early crowd so you may get that little white room in the hotel. I am not sure if I will get there this summer or not. It is hard to work it inot my schedule. Usually I go home after Ste. Anne's Novena.

Well Bob I am expecting someone to come in soon and I must finish this off before they come. I want to thank you for getting the Document saying I could give the Papal Blessing at the end of my talks. If it was not for that I am afraid most of them wouldn't have stayed until the end. I am enclosing \$2.00 I am not sure if that covers it or not but if it doens't be sure and let me know.

Best wishes to Father Hubert Coughlin and all...

Fr. Matt.

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John R. Cavanaugh
September 1963

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St. Raphael's Hospital
1450 Chapel St.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Father Scollard,

I would like to receive your newsletter this coming semester so am writing to inform you of my new address. More House was given a curate this year so something of a housing shortage developed. The hospital is not bad, however it is a few blocks farther from the library. No duties here outside of saying a Mass every day for the Sisters.

The new phone number is SPruce 7-6581, Ex. 435. I shall be here until the end of January when I have to start teaching at St. John Fisher College, which you probably have heard already. The dissertation is coming along, but it is slow especially without a director on hand. Right now I have a corpse into which I am trying to breathe a soul.

Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Cavanaugh, C.S.B.

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J. Wilfrid Dore
September 2, 1963

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St. Joseph's College
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta
September 2, 1963

Dear Bob;

Thanks for your card and note. We have completed our first two weeks and are beginning to unpack and settle in. It has been a busy time, organizing necessary cleaning and preparations and meeting innumerable well-wishers. We have just returned from a very fine luncheon which the Archbishop arranged for the clergy of the district.

The official address is: St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. There is another mail delivery but I have not been able to trace the reason for the distinction in delivery. We are located at the corner of 114th St and 88 Ave., but pick up most of our mail in the University service. Our phone number is; 403-433-1569.

Our first group of students is arriving today. We found that Meds and Dents start early and we have a number of them in residence.

Come along soon to see us. It is an excellent setting and they promise wonderful weather for a while. All the best.

Sincerely,

Wilf Dore.

Richard J. Allard
September 5, 1963

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Dear Father Scollard,

After a week of maddening frustration, which is not over yet, Father Raymond Prince and I thought it would be a good idea to ask you a favor. It concerns the requirements for entry and staying in France. Perhaps when a confrere is assigned to Maison St-Basile you could send him a form letter informing him of exactly what is needed.

In spite of what any American or Canadian official says one must absolutely, always, in every case, with no exceptions have the following: a passport, a visa (this is especially important), a letter of financial support written in French and sealed with the Community seal, a letter in French, sealed officially, from Maison St. Basile stating that the confrere will be living there, no less than 12 passport photos when he gets here.

Poor Father Prince came without a visa and it took two days to get it. He had to stand each time for about three hours. A man his age can't do that too often. We still have to get his carte de séjour which will be another session of at least two or three hours standing. This, of course, doesn't count the hour metro ride, etc. I'm sure Father Victor Brezik will appreciate having all this done before he comes, whenever that is. You

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can't imagine the incredible inefficiency and rudeness of French officialdom.

We noticed the absence of Mike Fallona's name in the appointments. Has he left? Also how many novices do we have this year?

Our ordinations took place not in the Seminary chapel at Chartres but amidst the splendor of the stained glass in the Cathedral. It was lovely and all in French except for the Preface of Ordination. I'm sure Rome doesn't know about that. No further work has been done on the house since June. The architect promised that the carpenters would come last Wednesday but that means any Wednesday, any week, any month. One must live here to appreciate what construction is like. If you require any further information for the confreres we would be happy to send it. Why don't you come to visit us this year, and bring Father Wey with you?

Sincerely,

Dick Allard.

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Richard J. Allard
September 25, 1963

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Dear Father,

Thank you so much for such a prompt reply. We finally got Father Raymond Prince legalized, so to speak. He is an absolute gem as I already knew from being at Aquinas Institute. That is such a wonderful house. Maybe you can put a plug in for me with Father Wey so that he'll send me back there.

I'm sorry about getting this information to you so late but Sam Femiano said that he would send it. But you know Sam — he has a finger in every pie so some things are forgotten. We moved in definitively to the top floor the 13th of February. In the basement we are constructing a community room where the garage used to be. The workers began on it last week and it is coming along nicely. Actually, it takes up about 4/5 of the former garage. The rest is used as storage area with built in shelves, a toilet, etc. A huge picture window is now where the garage door used to be. What is now used as the sacristy area will be renovated to accommodate an altar, cabinets, etc. However, that is the last thing to be done.

The really big problem is the new furnace. The men for that have not come at all and it is getting cold. We kid Father Prince about having lots of in-

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sulation but he is rather worried about the cold. We suffered quite badly from the cold last winter.

As for the chapel, it will be repainted with some kind of acoustic tile put on the ceiling. Ten centimetres of cement will be added to the roof and the ventilator will be repaired. When it rains the wall leaks. I don't know what they can do about that as it is the former wall of the estate of the Prince de Condée and right next to the street, or rather, under it.

Some new wiring has been put into the rooms on the second floor, a doorbell for both front and back doors, outside lights on the front of the house. Our library shelving has been doubled to two large "sections". We must have about 500 volumes of all sorts, mostly theology, of course. Librarian is Bud Paré, Sacristan is Rolly Gagnon, I am Guestmaster. In this combination hotel and house of studies a guestmaster is very important. We should send a man to Cornell's school of hotel management so that he can come to run Maison St-Basile efficiently!

We were disappointed to hear that Father Fischette wouldn't be coming until the Spring. We thought that he might have a nice rest with us. However, this will give you more of an opportunity to be his companion.

Richard J. Allard
September 25, 1963

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My best to everyone, especially to
Father Magee.

Sincerely,

Dick Allard, C.S.B.

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the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Paul J. Meloche
October 18, 1963

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Basilian Fathers
1818 First Street S.E.
Calgary, Alberta.
October 18, 1963

Dear Father Scollard.

It seems that I should have included a note of explanation with my contribution to the Annals. My apologies!

1. Our retreat was held at Mount Saint Francis Retreat House and was preached by Father Oswald Fuchs, O.F.M.
2. After Frank O'Grady was transferred it was thought advisable to drop the Air Force. The personnel was being gradually cut down and Frank's congregation numbered fifteen or so persons who could easily go to their regular parish churches.
3. Captain Larry Moran has been associated with the Army for years — full time in the summer and weekends during the winter months.
4. Last September the Bishop appointed one of his own men to look after the Newman Club at the University thus releasing Larry Moran from further services.

Will write later. In the meantime Happy "Annalsing".

Sincerely

Paul.

W. James Howard
October 7, 1963

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St. Mary's Presbytery
Broadgate Lane
Horsforth-near-Leeds
England

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph St.
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Father:

Thank you very much for the Newsletter and the lettered news. I am really surprised how much I miss the community and community news — I never realized that I should feel so exiled. London was exceptionally hard that way, but now that I am back in a religious atmosphere it is much better.

The work is just beginning, but it seems to be going well. I think with a little practice I should make a good antiquarian; although, the eighteenth century can scarcely be considered that old.

Well, I am sorry for such a long delay over the address, and the way things turned out I could have sent you this address long before now. You might as well put the Horsforth address in the Annals, because this will be it until December at least, and perhaps longer, unless the bishop decides otherwise.

W. James Howard
October 7, 1963

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The phone is: Horsforth 2607 or if you want the code, 84-2607.

Thank you again for the letter and please remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. J. Howard, C.S.B.

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John L. Kraus
October 16, 1963

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University of Ottawa
Sedes Sapientiae Centre
223 Main Street
Ottawa 1, Canada
Oct. 16, 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

Greetings from Ottawa. My address is as above, and my phone number is: 235-1421.

I would appreciate receiving: 1) a copy of the new Basilian Annals; 2) a copy of any "Newsletters" that might come out; and, if there are any available, a Basilian Vademecum (as the one I have is on its last leg).

Everything is going very well with me at the University of Ottawa. I am enjoying my classes. I shall finish my course work this year. My thesis topic has been approved by the Faculty of Philosophy, and I have compiled an almost complete bibliography on this topic.

Please pray for me.

Sincerely in Christ,

John Kraus.

P.S. As I am not bored with philosophy,
I guess the library shelving in
the Curial House will have to wait.



P. Wallace Platt
February 14, 1963

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Dear Bob,

Thanks for the Novitiate Applications, the Newsletter, and any other things you may have sent, like the beautiful Necrology list since my last letter. Hope you are well. Is the weather still cold? Ours has broken, but its still mighty dull and damp.

The painting looks fabulous, and is it ever a treat to have things neat and clean. The painters should be out by Monday or Tuesday. The lindeum (plastic and felt) arrives today, Thursday, and is to be laid on Monday. The cook is working on the curtains.

We are going to have to wait till the warm weather for the painting on the outside. But that's not a big item. The painter wants to make sure all is dry enough. There will be that wide band across the front to be done, and the windows.

So far, healthwise, we have been fine. Some had had a day or half a day in bed, but nothing more serious, thanks be to God. Sam Femiano has been working very hard but seems to be very keen on his courses. The year is half over, as we go on until the end of June. But Paré is also very happy about his studies and about his being able to continue them next year.

P. Wallace Platt
February 14, 1963

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The House in Rochester sounds wonderful.
What would be more wonderful would be
to really be in it in September. Here
that would be unheard of.

Kindest regards to each and all,

Wally.

P.S. Would you have any small necrology
leaflets, please?

(Letter written from Maison Saint-Basile
by Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert
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P. Wallace Platt
December 3, 1963

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur
Annonay (Ardèche)
le 3 décembre 1963

Dear Bob.

Thanks for the Newsletter by Air and your note. Sometimes the Newsletters stay on Father René Robert's desk and if I happen to pop in I know one has come. That was a fine tribute to Father Henry Carr you wrote. He will be one of the "greats" when our history is written. I had him as a teacher in 4th year Theology and also as my Spiritual Director in the year before my Ordination and the year after. I was happy to see him this summer in Vancouver. He was very well indeed and in fine fettle.

Everyone fine here. There are differences since I was here before, except that the house is much cleaner and materially much better organized. Father Charles Roume is an excellent bursar. Our old men cling to life and show no sign of giving in. Father Antoine Epitalon no longer says Mass, and Father Louis Mazet says it only occasionally. The last time I visited Father Mazet I didn't get the impression that the visit was much appreciated. He might be slowing down. His mind, however, is crystal clear, which is not the case with Father Epitalon.

P. Wallace Platt
December 3, 1963

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We are reading Father Roume's book. Fascinating. I hope it can be published — both in French and in English. It would have a fair appeal here in the Ardèche, though I suppose that in Canada its appeal would be much less.

Charlie Principe is fine and working very hard. He is extremely conscientious — a bit too much so. But he is very cheerful and we have some good laughs.

Please give my regards to all the confreres at 200, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ,

Wally.

P.S. Bob, could you please send me the info on the Priests' Eucharistic League? If it is all contained in Emmanuel you needn't bother as I have some copies of that magazine.

(Letter written by Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

John F. Collins
October 25, 1963

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Basilian Fathers Missions
P.O. Box 708, 414 Main Street
Sugar Land, Texas
Oct. 25/63

Dear Bob:

Lee Higgins, Max Murphy and I returned to the Missions last night. Thank you on the compliment about the News Letter. The response so far has been excellent. We will put out more of that type, but I don't think that we will abandon the old Memo completely. I sampled opinions of Basilians as I made the rounds and many would like the Memo kept as is. On the other hand I hope to work up to a magazine type thing in a year or two.

Our trip around the houses was very nice and I think will help the Missions considerably. Everybody was wonderful. I talked to all the high school staffs and students. I will see that Father Edmund Brennan gets all the Newsletters he wants.

I just had a long visit with Father Wey. Will that do for the quarterly report? The report would merely be putting in writing our visit. Will you let me know if I need to send in a written report anyway? There would be no change in our proposed budget. Our budget is so dependent on charity that all the planning has to be conditional. The big

John F. Collins
October 25, 1963

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thing that will come up is the possibility of a Juniorate to get Mexican vocations. I will let you know more about that after Father Wey's visit to Texas and Mexico.

Enclosed a letter that might have some value about John Onorato. Also some pictures at the Mission Headquarters office.

Sincerely,

John

(Letter from Father John Collins to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

John F. Collins
November 27, 1963

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Basilian Fathers Missions
P.O. Box 708, 414 Main Street
Sugar Land, Texas
Nov. 27/63

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter and all the information. Hope that all the sick are recovering.

My secretary got stricken down with a Gall Bladder infection and had to have an emergency operation. That leaves me on the long end of the work. She is still in the hospital — it is now almost three weeks.

Father Lawrence Lacey is doing well after a gall bladder operation.

Father Lee Higgins gave a real good Mission here. Father Ed. Brennan just returned from Mexico and was very impressed with the work of our Missionaries in Mexico.

We are preparing for the Novenas to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Basilian Christmas dinner will take place at St. Thomas High School on December 23.

We are starting a small catechetical center in Richmond. We hope to pour the slab this coming Saturday.

John F. Collins
November 27, 1963

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Hunting season is on and all the hunters will have a day at the Weath ranch to see if we can come up with a deer. We have never failed yet.

I guess that is about it.

Best wishes to all,

John

(Letter from Father John Collins to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers, Toronto)

Robert A. Hall
October 12, 1963

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Padres Basilianos
San Juan de Aragan
Villa de Guadalupe
Mexico 14, D.F.
12 Oct. 1963

Dear Father Scollard,

I received a note from Max Murphy yesterday in which he said you were interested in a snap shot of the building being put up here in San Juan. Yesterday was a pretty contrasty day so the picture might not be too good, however it is the best under the circumstances. I imagine you might want it for the Annals so I'll send it off on the next burro express and hope it arrives in time.

Also you can see from the envelope that we have a box number which much more reliable for delivery of mail.

I am gradually getting settled here in San Juan and will be of more use as time goes on. Things are a lot easier now that the Providencia and Pradera have been set up as parishes. What a load off our back. We can now give proper attention to San Juan. It was only a temporary arrangement but it sure ate up the time.

I have spent a lot of time indexing the baptismal and marriage records since it

Robert A Hall
October 12, 1963

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was virtually impossible to find anything before. I guess I'll be in charge of the books here so I am trying to figure out a system of bookkeeping.

I would appreciate it if you would send the picture back when you get a chance. We now have sidewalks in San Juan. I hope the next step is streets. We had 500 Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass last Sunday. We get 10,000 hosts every three weeks.

Well, I guess that's all for now. Give my regards to all, especially Stan Kutz and Bob Crooker.

Bob Hall.

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Joseph P. Shannon
September 1963

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St. Basil Mission Center
1713 N. Tinsley
Angleton, Texas 77515

Dear Father Scollard

We are ZIP as above.

Father Dake Batty and Father Donald Mooney are fine. Our weather is what California and Florida would like to have. The heat of summer is a burden but oh joy for our spring, autumn and winter. Dake Batty takes to the highways as though he were 35 years old.

God love you Father and again thanks for your hospitality last summer.

Joe

(Letter from Father Joseph Shannon.
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James J. Collins
September 19, 1963

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St. Basil's Novitiate
3990 Giddings Road
Pontiac, Michigan
September 19, 1963

Dear Bob:

I am going to attempt to answer your letter as promptly as possible because I will be away next week trying to complete my vacation and combining it with a little business — the Mission Secretariate Convention in Washington. Eddie Brennan and I attended it last year and found it very worthwhile for both Directors of Vocations and for men in formation work, e.g. Masters of Novices.

- 1) The ZIP Code Number is 48057 for the Novitiate.
- 2) The lake is directly south of the Chapel wing of the Novitiate and is just directly north of the new I-75 highway but is well protected by a steep bank along the highway and also a fence separating the State property from our own property. It has been constructed in the shape of a horseshoe with a peninsula jutting out in the center of it. More recently we have been working to convert the peninsula into an island with a bridge across the water to allow a better movement of water. It is about

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700 feet long with an average width of 60 to 70 feet. It was constructed by excavating the area with a dragline during the winter months and thus allowing the water to appear which was just beneath the surface in many places. The watershed which extends even north of the Novitiate building is the source of much water especially in the spring of the year but there is every evidence that it is also fed from sources beneath the ground, e.g. springs, because of the cold sports to be found under the top layer of water and also because of the excellent water level that was maintained throughout the summer months. I am enclosing a couple of pictures which might be used although they do not do it justice because they were taken before the grading was completed. If they are not suitable, I am sure something better can be procured.

3) The blessing of the statue of Our Lady of Grace took place on Saturday August 3rd, 1963, and was conducted by Msgr. William Hermes, the donor. It is seven feet tall and is situated on a knoll west of the building and is clearly visible from the area in and around the building as well as from the driveway. The base of the shrine upon which the statue rests was constructed by the Novices and consists chiefly of the natural field stone which is so plentiful in this region. At the moment, Bob,

James J. Collins
September 19, 1963

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I do not have at hand a good picture but I am sure that I can get you one because of the many that have been taken by Novices.

One final point, will you please remind Frank Orsini when he returns to check over the letter I sent him about the profession day of Cruz Amaro. I am certain that we have miscalculated the date. It should be the 5th of October from all the information that I can find.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Collins, C.S.B.

(Letter to Father Robert Scollard.
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in the general archives of the Basilian
Fathers, Toronto)

William H. Irwin
November 1, 1963

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Dear Father Scollard,

I apologize for the latness. We just returned from an eight day trip in Transjordan which included Qumran. Two swims during the eight days, one at Ain Feshka near Qumran and the other at Azrok where Lawrence of Arabia had his headquarters. That was our desert day on which we left the hotel at 5:00 a.m. and returned at 6:15 p.m. We almost froze until the sun came up. Then the dust was our big problem but our Arab Kefireh was equal to the task of keeping out most of the sand. Azrok was all the more beautiful, then, being a large oasis in the middle of the desert, covered with palm trees and having two beautiful cool pools of water at least eight feet deep.

But to business. The address as you have it is exact. The telephone number is 216.

I enjoyed reading Archbishop Flahiff's letter. It's hard to make out, though, what's going on at the Council. You read of their passing this and discussing that but without a text of the schema it doesn't mean too much. I hope they publish something when this session is over.

My regards to all,

Yours in Christ,
Bill Irwin.

